#### Portuguese parliament dissolved

LISBON (R) - Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes Friday dissolved parhament and announced general elections for April 25, his office said. The elections were called to end the country's eight-week-old government crisis, caused by the resignation of Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao.



#### Mubarak returns to Cairo

CAIRO (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Friday returned home after a 10-day tour of the United States, Canada, Britain and France, Mr. Mubarak told reporters at the airport that the U.S. had promised to continue efforts to get Israel to withdraw its forces from Lebanon "as soon as possible." "I think the American officials are studying all possible solutions." he said. But he did not elaborate. Mr. Mubarak also expressed the hope That Jordan and Palestinian leaders would soon reach agreement on the composition of their delegation to enable the U.S. to start negotiations on the Palestinian problem. Egypt last month appealed to Palestinian leaders to join Jordan immediately in an urgent peace initiative to stop Israel swallowing up the occupied

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#### Iran accuses Paris of selling Exocet missiles to Iraq.

LONDON (R) - Iran Friday accused France of supplying Iraq with Exocet missiles, the type that sank two British ships in the Falklands war. Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the second most powerful clergyman in the Iranian hierarchy said the French-built Exocets were among arms that had been supplied to Iraq by foreign powers to help it in the Gulf war against Iran. "France and the Soviet Union have, on numerous occasions, sold Iraq nine-metre and Exocet missiles," Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani told a Friday prayer gathering in Tehran. Iranian leaders have expressed anger at reports that France has concluded an arms-for-oil deal with Iraq and that Moscow has resumed arms supplies to Baghdad. Sources at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) said Exocets had been reaching Iraq over the past two years but there was no evidence of recent shioments.

#### Mohieddin urges Arab states to recognise Israel

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin has urged Arab states to support President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative and recognise Israel, the official Middle East News Agency reported Friday. "The Arabs' recognition of Israel will make the U.S. and the European countries shoulder their responsibilities," the agency quoted Mr. Mohieddin as saying in an interview with AI Wattan Al Arabi, an Arabic magazine published in Paris.

#### Baghdad praises Mubarak; assails Syria and Libya

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq's ruling Baath Party Friday praised Egy-ptian President Hosni Mubarak and sharply criticised Libyan and Syrian efforts to keep Egypt iso-lated from the Arab World. The party said in a report that the contiqued isolation of Egypt would make it "an easy prey for Israel and America." Despite its commitment to the Camp David peace accords with Israel, the Egyptian government was refusing to submit to Israeli pressures, the report said. Iraq played a major role in Egypt's suspension from the Arab League after former President Anwar Sadat signed the Camp David accords in 1978. Baghdad shifted its stand after President Mubarak backed Iraq in its war against Iran and took a strong line against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, but has so far stopped short of restoring diplomatic ties

#### Izvestia says Israel plans to attack Syria

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia charged Friday that Israel was planning to attack Syria and said the present ceasefire in the Middle East was no more than a pause between wars. Commenting on developments in Lebanon over the past few months. Izvestia said a false peace reigned there which in fact was no more than a "luli before the storm." "The present situation is only a pause between outbursts of Israeli aggression," Izvestia said.

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## Kreisky pledges 'enthusiastic support' for Reagan initiative

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of foreign forces...they thought

together that there was a great risk

of fostering permanent instability

in Lebanon if the withdrawal of

foreign forces in not quickly

The official added that Mr.

Reagan had "underscored his per-

sonal distress at the slow pace of

The two leaders discussed

Mr. Reagan and Mr. Kreisky

East-West relations. following up

on Mr. Kreisky's discussions with

concentrated on developments in

Poland during their discussion of

East-West issues, with the pres-

ident commenting that the United

the negotiations thus far.'

State department officials.

.WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Lebanon faces the possibility of "permanent instability" unless all foreign forces are quickly withdrawn, President Reagan and Austrian Chancellor Kreisky agreed on Wednesday.

effected.

The thinking of the two leaders was given to reporters after Mr. Reagan and Mr. Kreisky held two hours of discussion, including a working luncheon, during which the Middle East and events in Poland were the main topics of COnversation

A senior administration official said Mr. Kreisky had assured Mr. Reagan on his "enthusiastic support" for the president's Sept. 1 Middle East peace initiative and plans to convey that enthusiasm in his discussions with his many con-

tacts in the region.

The official said there was a detailed discussion of the situation in Lebanon, with both leaders agreed that "it was essential that

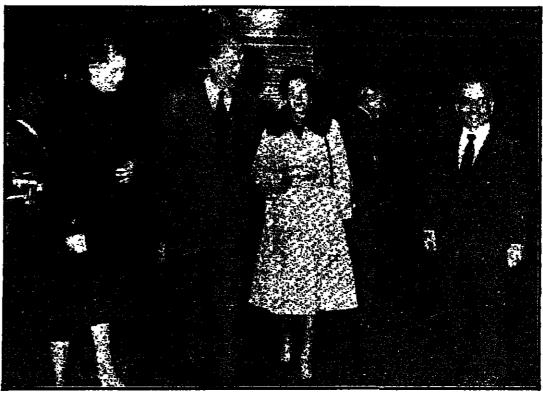
States "continues to find the Poiish situation discouraging."

The official said Mr. Reagan

told the Austrian chancellor that he is concerned about the fate of Solidarity members, including thousands of members of that labour organisation still held in prison by the military government in Warsaw.

The official said that Washington and Vienna have come to an understanding" on transfer of U.S. technology to Communist bloc nations. He said that while the two leaders did not take up the issue, it was discussed "on the fringes" by other members of the official parties.

The official said the "general understanding" will result in "enhanced efforts" to ensure that U.S. technology is not illegally re-exported from Austria to Communist states. He said the agreement "will tighten up the scrutiny" of such transfers.



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor Friday receive former French President and Mrs. Valery Giscard d'Estaine

### Giscard d'Estaing arrives on private visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Former French President and Mrs. Valery Giscard d'Estaing arrived in Amman Friday for a several-day private visit to Jordan. During the visit, they will tour historic and

cultural sites in the country.

The former French president and his wife were received at Amman Airport by His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor. Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, French Ambassador to Jordan Jacques-Alain de Sedouy and their wives, were also present at the airport to receive the guests.

#### France reinforces Beirut peacekeepers

PARIS (R) - France said Friday it was sending 298 Marines to reinforce its contingent with the multi-national peacekeeping force in Lebanon at the request of Lebanese President Amin

Gemayel.
Officials said the move underlined French concern over lack of progress towards withdrawing foreign forces from Lebanon and restoring full sovereignty to the Lebanese government.

The Defence Ministry said in a statement that 160 Marines were flying Friday from the western city of Nantes to Beirut. A further 138 men with 60 vehicles, including 15 light armoured cars, are due to sail from the Mediterranean port of Toulon later this week, it said.

Reagan said Friday the Israeli

government had given assurances

there would be no more incidents

such as the one on Wednesday in

which Israeli troops tried to cross

into a Beirut buffer zone guarded

Mr. Reagan said in a televised

press conference when asked

He said the United States was

trying to speed the departure of all

foreign forces from Lebanon so

that the multinational peacekeep-

ing force, which includes 1,200

U.S. Marines, could return home.

Lebanon and took up positions in

Beirut last September, there have

been a number of incidents in

which Israeli troops have tried to

cross their lines without author-

Since the Marines arrived in

We do have such assurances,"

by U.S. Marines.

about the incident.

Reagan: Israelis will not

harass Marines in Beirut

WASHINGTON(R)-President isation, according to the U.S.

regiment had been put on alert in case further re-inforcements were needed, the ministry said.

#### 2 policemen killed

Meanwhile in Beirut, two policemen were killed and five wounded when Christian areas of Beirut came under shelling for the second time in a week, state-run Beirut Radio said. The men died when a shell'

exploded close to a position of the para-military Internal Security Forces (ISF) in the eastern sector of the capital, it said.

Private radio stations earlier reported that artillery duels had erupted in mid-afternoon between Christian and Druze Muslim

Last Wednesday a Marine cap-

tain drew and loaded his pistol to

prevent three Israeli tanks from

crossing into the U.S. buffer area.

Mr. Reagan said Friday: "I

must say the same (Israeli) unit,

the same commander tried three

"In my view, the Marine officer

Mr. Reagan said the mul-

tinational force was in Lebanon to

allow the Lebanese government to

establish stability in the war-

did the only thing that he could

The tanks then withdrew.

times at that same point."

do," the president added.

Defence Department.

Tripoli clashes continue

In the north Lebanese city of Tripoli armed men opened fire on the headquarters of a militant Islamic faction Thursday night on the eve of a scheduled meeting to reconcile warring pro- and anti-Svrian militias, a security source said Friday.

One member of the Islamic Unification Movement was wounded and a passing university professor was shot dead in the midnight attack, the source said. The movement is one of an

array of Islamic and leftist militias who fought the Syrian-backed Arab Democratic Party (ADP) in dle East Subcommittee. a month of violence which ended

#### Non-aligned summit to discuss

Lebanon NEW DELHI (R) — Non-aligned heads of state due to meet in New

Delhi next month will discuss a draft declaration calling for the urgent withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, Indian officials said Friday. The draft document, drawn up

by India after consultations within the 97-member group, condemns Israel's "expansionist and aggressive policies" and urges the total, unconditional and urgent withdrawal of Israeli forces, the officials told reporters.

ravaged country, a goal he said was impeded by "these repeated Copies of the draft were recently handed to repefforts to go through the lines and resentatives of non-aligned states at the United Nations.

# Veliotes says he is optimistic

U.S. aide stresses Jordan's role

# Jordan will join 'peace process'

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The senior U.S. State Department official on Near Eastern affairs, stressing the importance of Jordan participating in the peace process, says he is "optimistic" that Jordan will join the peace talks.

Nicholas Veliotes, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, gave this assessment Tuesday in an appearance before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Mid-

At the same time, however, Mr. veiloles cautioned inal Jordan is concerned about participating in the negotiations while Israel continues to build settlements on the West Bank. And, he conceded that the talks likely would not resume until Jordan and representatives of the Palestinians ioin the process.

Mr. Veliotes also advised the subcommittee that the Reagan administration plans to request a supplemental request for \$251 million in economic and military aid for Lebanon. And, although he said he believes progress is being made in negotiations for withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, Mr. Veliotes suggested that U.S. troops might have to remain in Lebanon for another year as part of a multinational peacekeeping force.

Questioned by subcommittee Chairman Lee Hamilton about the resumption of peace negotiations, Mr. Veliotes responded that the current position is that the talks will not get started "until and unless" there is participation by other Arab parties -- and that

means King Hussein and repvery positive," he said. He said he resentatives of the Palestinians." He said Jordan's possible role in Arab-Israeli peace talks had been

discussed in detail last December, adding that "we certainly understood the King's concern about actually joining the negotiations while Israeli settlements are continuing to be built."

Certainly, the question of settlements is... an integral part of the president's own programme as enunciated on Sept. 1," Mr. Veliotes said.

ton if he is optimistic about Jordan coming into the peace process. Mr. Veliotes replied, 'yes, I am optimistic."

Mr. Veliotes pointed out that Egypt has " 1 t clear it has gone as far as it can go" in the now stalled "autonomy" talks and that it will not go back to the table without the participation of another Arab country. He said he could not think what country that might be, if not Jordan.

However, Mr. Veliotes did say be is encouraged by Saudi Arabia's role in seeking peace. "I think the Saudis have taken a public role in favour of peace with Israel that has been surprising...

expects the Saudis to continue to play a positive role.

In brief opening remarks, Mr. Veliotes told the subcommittee of U.S. policy objectives in Lebanon and said the Reagan administration would be asking for \$251 million in supplemental military and economic assistance for Lebanon for fiscal year 1983.

Questioned about negotiations for withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, Mr. Veliotes contimetable."

However, he insisted, "there are negotiations taking place between Israel and Lebanon delegations. Both sides are laying down their positions. This is not an inconsiderable achievement."

When Mr. Hamilton asked how long U.S. troops might remain in Lebanon as part of the multinational peacekeeping force. Mr. Veliotes would give not timetable. However, when Mr. Hamilton rephrased the question to ask if American troops might be in Lebanon a year from now. Mr. Veliotes said, "if pressed for a personal guesstimate, I would say

## **Ershad** expected in Anman **Monday**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Bangladeshi military ruler Lt.-Gen. Hussain Mohammad Ershad is scheduled to arrive in Amman Monday from Rabat, a spokesman for the Bangladeshi embassy in Jeddah said here Friday.

Gen. Ershad is on a visit to several Arab countries and it was reported from Kuwait, which he visited last week hefore proceeding to Morocco, that the mediate a dispute between Britain and the Arab World which erupted after British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher refused to meet with an Arab League peace mission.

Gen. Ershad took over the leadership of Bangladesh in March 1982 after proclaiming martial law. He is the chief martial law administrator and president of the council of ministers.

Gen. Ershad, who will be accompanied by Foreign Minister A.R. Shams-ud Doha and Minister of Rural Affairs Mahbubur Rahman, is expected to hold talks with senior Jordanian officials, the spokesman said.

#### do what was agreed that they would not do.' PLO confirms talks on prisoner swap with Israel

DAMASCUS (R) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has offered to hand over eight Israeli soldiers it captured last summer in exchange for more than 5,000 Palestinians held by Israel, PLO deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir said Fri-

Mr. Wazir, popularly known as Abu Jihad, told a press conference in Damascus the PLO was also demanding the release of 1,000 Palestinian prisoners held in and Lebanese detainees in the Israeli jails since 1967.

He said the conditions for an exchange of prisoners were sent last week to the International Red Cross and to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who is mediating between the PLO and Israel over this matter.

He said the PLO's first condition for handing over the Israelis was the release of all Palestinian

Israeli prison camp at Ansar in southern Lebanon. Israel says it has 5,412 prisoners in the camp.

Mr. Wazir said those released should have the right to return to their homes in the Israeli occupied The PLO was also demanding

the return of documents seized by Israeli troops from the PLOaffiliated Palestine Studies Centre

when they overran west Beirut in September.

The eight Israelis were captured by Palestinian forces in central Lebanon last September.

Mr. Wazir also said he was going to eastern Lebanon for a meeting of PLO military chiefs to stress the need to boost military action in the occupied territories and behind Israeli lines in Leba-

#### to press for nuclear pact with Soviets

LONDON (R) — West Germany and Britain agreed Friday that the West should press on with talks to curb medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe even if no agreement on a total ban is reached with the Soviet Union.

The statement by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after 75. minutes of talks was the clearest indication yet that the West may be willing to accept a partial, interim deal with Moscow falling short of the "zero option."

The two leaders told a news conference after their summit that their long-term goal remained 'zero", the intermediate- of all Soviet medium-range missiles aimed at Europe in return for NATO dropping its plan to deploy missiles in West Europe.

"We agreed that the zero option remains far and away the best solution to the problem," Mrs. Thatcher said. But she added: 'Zero option is not a takeit-or-leave-it proposal."

U.S. Vice-President George Bush used exactly the same expression in Geneva Friday, in what was seen as the strongest assurance yet that Washington is willing to listen to alternative ideas from the Kremlin at the Geneva missile

A senior British source told Reuters after Friday's talks here that "some disarmament is better

### Bonn, London Bush challenges Moscow to open new missile talks

GENEVA (R) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush called on Moscow Friday to offer new proposals and begin a frank dialogue in negotiations on European-based missiles. Speaking shortly before meet-

ing Soviet negotiators in Geneva, he challenged Kremlin leaders to come up with a plan that would help break the deadlock in the 14-month-long talks. In the strongest assurance so far-

that the United States is ready to listen to alternative ideas, he said a U.S.-proposed zero option plan 'isn't a take-it-or-leave-it proposition."
Under the zero option, rejected by the Soviet Union, all U.S. and

Soviet land-based intermediaterange nuclear force (INF) missiles would be barred from Europe. "Our challenge to the Soviet leadership is to come up with a

plan to banish these INF missiles." he told the 40-nation Genevabased committee on disarmament.

position in the arms talks, said on earlier stops that the U.S. was willing to consider serious Soviet alternative proposals. But diplomats said his statement Friday was stronger in terms

"Let's consider openly and in

Mr. Bush. on the fourth leg of a

seven-nation European tour to

rally support for the American

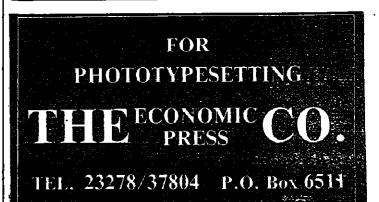
frank dialogue initiatives that will

achieve that moral goal."

of a public challenge to Moscow to abandon proposals that the West says would leave the Soviet Union with a monopoly in SS-20 mobile missiles targeted at European cities. Mr. Bush said this would be the

effect of an offer by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in December to scale down SS-20 deployments to a level matching 162 British and French missiles. The Andropov proposal would

leave the Soviet Union with significant advantages, the vice-president said,



#### Ship stands by to take Ghanaians from Nigeria LAGOS (R) — A ship which

arrived two days ago to help repatriate Ghanaians being expelled from Nigeria as illegal immigrants, was still here Friday waiting for more passengers, a Ghanaian Commission spokesman

Ghanaian diplomats were preparing broadcasts for Nigerian Radio to tell their countrymen still awaiting passage that space on the vessel was available, the spokesman told Renters.

He did not make clear whether the appeals would be directed at unskilled and unemployed workers, who should have left by midnight on Monday when a Nigerian deadline for their departure expired, or to skilled people who have until the end of this month to

Nigerian authorities are carrying out nationwide searches for illegal aliens still in the country, but immigration officials declined to say whether any had been arrested.

Evewitnesses have reported occasional incidents of police chasing people thought to be Ghanaians through the streets of Lagos, but the great majority of illegal immigrants have apparently left inside the two weeks stipulated by Nigeria.

The Ghanaian High Commission spokesman said tension had subsided considerably at the Lagos docks as several thousand

Ghanaians encamped there for days awaiting boats had now gone. They were destitutes who said they could not raise enough money for an overland journey home through Benin and Togo

One ship left Thursday with about 3,000 Ghanaians aboard. That group was believed to have been the largest concentration of them still in Nigeria, Ghanaian

and were prepared to wait inde-

finitely for ships to take them

They added that there did not appear to be any more big groups on the overland route, which has been used by several hundred thousand people over the past two

Ghanaian Interior Secretary Johnny Hansen said in Lagos on Wednesday after talks with Nigerian officials that an estimated 500,000 Ghanaians had already come home from Nigeria and that a similar number were still waiting to cross at a border post opened for them on Ghana's previously closed frontier with

# **HOMENEWS**

## Jordan submits report on West Bank to ILO

Dr. Abdel Jaber

West Bank.

sion to be held June 1983, in

Geneva," Dr. Abdel Jaber said.

The under-secretary explained that the report included facts on

how Israeli authorities have

oppressed Arab workers as well as

measures taken against Arabs in

the occupied territories in general.

cated that more than 106,000

dunums were confiscated by Israel

in 1982, which makes the total of

land confiscated since 1967, 37

per cent of the total area of the

Dr. Abdel Jaber said the report

included information about the

new Israeli settlements which pro-

vided the ILO mission with the

names and location of these set-

tlements. "There were soout 10

new settlements established in

1982, while Israel also increased

He said that the report indi-

AMMAN — The Israeli treatment of Arab labourers and universities, the expropriation of Arab lands, the establishment of new Jewish settlements, the deteriorating conditions of Arab workers and trade unions, the overall economic conditions and the negative impact of the Israeli Mediterranean-Dead-Sea Canal project in the Arab occupied territories are the basic areas covered in a report submitted to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) mission which arrived Tuesday on a five-day visit to Jordan, Ministry of Labour under-secretary said Friday .

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Tayseer Abdel Jaber pointed out that this is the third time that an ILO mission has visited Jordan in its attempts to implement the International Labour Conference (ILC) resolution of 1980. The decision condemned Israeli practices in the occupied territories "particularly the settlement policy and its negative impact on the Arab workers." With this in mind, Dr. Abdel

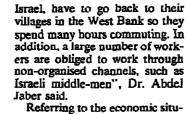
Jaber said, the ILO Director-General, Francis Blanchard, has been requested to present a report on the latest violation of this resolution to the ILC which is held annually in Geneva.

The report, Dr. Abdel Jaber said will be based on information and data supplied by the interested countries, including Jordan and Syria as well as the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"An ILO mission is also supposed to visit the Arab occupied territories to further its factfinding and to meet Arab workers, trade unionists, and employers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip," he added.

The visiting ILO mission, which will leave Saturday for Syria, was composed of two ILO officials, Mr. Claude Rossillion, head of the ILO Equal Rights Division, and Mr. Shukri Al Dajani, director of the ILO office for Arab States in

The Ministry of Labour presented the ILO delegates with a detailed report in order "to enable the ILO to take specific measures occupied territories. The issues raised in the ILO report will then be presented to the ILC 69th ses-



ation in the West Bank, he said that the report says that economic conditions are not favourable to new investments and economic expansion "which in turn do not create enough job opportunities for Arab workers. Additionally, heavy taxation of Arab businesses, severe competition from Israeli products and limitation on Arab exports all retard economic growth.

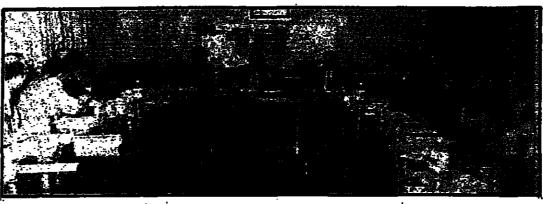
"Israel has put increasing pressure on Arab trade unions by putting trade union leaders under house arrest, imprisoning certain key workers, refusing to register any new trade unions and limiting the funds going to the West Bank, which makes it difficult to carry out municipal and other projects"

"We have also pointed out to the ILO mission the dire consequences of Israeli actions against Arab universities which have resulted in the closure of these universities for lengthy periods, and the diportation of a large number of lecturers", he said. Names of eported lecturers were also given in the report, he

The report, Dr. Abdel Jaber said, included details of the Israeli Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal project and its negative impact on the occupied areas, not to mention Jordanian development projects in the Jordan Valley.

We also pointed out that the conditions of our workers cannot be completely isolated from these Israeli policies. During its stay here, the ILO mission also met officials at the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs, the Royal Commission for Jerusalem. the Federation of Jordan Trade Unions, and the Chamber of Industry.

existing settlements by adding more land and houses," he said. They also met the deported mayor of Jerusalem, Rawhi Al The report, he added, included Khatib, Dr. Munther Salah, the information about the conditions deported president of Al Najah University in Nablus, and Dr. of Arab workers which worsened ie to digner unemmanna Nasser, a PLO Executive ployment, lower wages and longer Committee member and the deported president of Bir Zeit working hours. "Workers, who



Minister of Health Dr. Zuhair Malhas chairs a meeting of the Higher Health Council which discussed the chronic shortage of nursing staff and the over

# Excess doctors and scarce nurses

AMMAN (Petra) - The Higher Health Council met Thursday to discuss several issues, including resident doctors and the conditions of the nursing profession in

the country.

Addressing the council, Health
Minister Zuhair Malhas explained the difficulties facing his ministry because of the increasing numbers of doctors who graduate every year, particularly since the Health Ministry resources are limited. He said these extra doctors are a burden to the country, and that increasing competition is likely to jeopardise standards in the medical profession.

Commenting on the problem, Education Minister Sa'id Tal asked the Higher Health Council to draw up relevant proposals and submit them to the Higher Education Council in order to counteract this problem. Dr. Tal asserted that these recommendations should be in line with

out that out of the 80,000 Jor-

also discuss the conditions of

dentists on the West Bank.

nursing profession in the country, in particular the acute shortage of nurses. Dr. Malhas said that the Health Ministry is working on developing the curicula of the Jordanian Nursing College to raise the standard of the profession and to enable the nurses to obtain uni-

versity degrees. The Council decided to form a committee, the National Nursing Committee comprising representatives from the Health Ministry, the Royal Medical Corps, the University of Jordan, the Medical Association, and the Education Ministry, to study ways of developing the nursing profession. In particular it will consider course numbers ... the duration of study, the curicula, as well as the salaries, bonuses and other incentives which will be given to the nurses after they graduate.

The Higher Health Council

decided to hold its next session Thursday to discuss national

etables such as potatoes, waterme-

danian and foreign doctors. Mr. Hineidi also said that it would help

to promote the exchange of exper-

tise and experiences within the

medical profession around the

At least 10 renowned medical

The conference, he said, will

date medical equipment available,

he concluded.

## U.S. expert says Reagan initiative is good compromise

By Lamis Andoni Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - There is no settlement for the Middle East conflict which can satisfy the demands of all parties involved, and that is why a compromise formula must be reached to secure a lasting peace in the region, a leading Arab-American expert on the Middle East said here Thursday.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Thomas Naff, the director of the Middle East Centre at the University of Pennsylvania, said that the Reagan initiative announced on Sept. 1 last year, was an important positive step although it neither represented a policy nor a plan.

"I view the Reagan proposals for peace in the area as a statement of intention but not as a clearcut American policy on the Middle East," Dr. Naff said.

He explained that a policy must have its defined goals and the strategic instruments to implement its goals. "There is no doubt, however, that the Reagan initiative was a positive step forward in the American position on the conflict, and that it came at a time when a move on the part of the U.S. was needed", Dr. Naff said.

Until President Reagan announced his initiative last September, . American policy in the area was drifting and it was high time for the Americans to assume their role to participate in finding a settlement for the Middle East crises. he added.

"Moreover, the Reagan initiative is very important because for the first time an American administration recognises the Palestinian problem as the core of the Middle East conflict," Dr. Naff said.

"The Reagan initiative, and I insist on calling it an initiative and not plan, called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Arab territories and for a freeze on Israeli settlements, and accepted a kind of Palestinian autonomy which is connected with Jordan in some sort of a federation. But it rejects the establtinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip," he said.

Dr. Naff, who is an associate professor on the Middle East, pointed out that despite the fact that the Reagan initiative falls short of Arab expectations, particularly the Palestinians, it seems to be the best that the Arabs can get from the Americans.

Dr. Naff emphasised the impor-tance of the "element of time" in achieving the proposals laid out by the Reagan initiative. The American initiative will lose credibility, if no practical move is

made in the near future", he said. When asked about the party which should now make the move, Dr. Naff said a positive move by moderate Arab countries will surely help in pushing the peace process forward.

He further explained that the U.S. was slow in making any practical steps due to different reasons. To begin with, the Reagan administration was concentrating on national economic issues and as far as the foreign policy was concerned, the administration considered the issue of detente and the relations with the Soviet Union as its top priority," Dr. Naff

The Lebanese situation and current negotiations also impeded any possible movement on the part of the Americans, he said. Dr. Naff agreed that the U.S. can pressure Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories for "the president has the constituval powers

"But it has to be understood that there is a line over which no American administration is ready to cross in regards to coercing Israel," he said.

Asked about whether there was significant change in the image of Israel in the U.S., Dr. Naff said: "There is no doubt that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the massacres of Sabra and Shatila last September had a negative impact on the Israeli image in the U.S., and the American people are changing their view of Israel but unfortunately the U.S. Congress seems to be lagging behind in catching up with the change in public opinion."

Dr. Naff noted, however, that the change in public opinion is not necessarily accompanied by a positive American shift towards

According to Dr. Naff, if the Palestine National Council (PNC), which is supposed to convene in Algiers on Feb. 14. refused to accept a compromise formula, the area would manifest destability and radicalisation.

Furthermore, the situation will sharply deteriorate and Israel shall pursue its plan in building more settlements in the West Bank and hence achieve a de facto annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Dr. Naff predicted.

He expressed the view that in case of the ascendency to power of the Israeli Labour Party, there will not be a fundamental change in the Israeli policies. "After all it was the Israeli Labour Party which started the building of the settlements in the occupied Arab territories," he said.

Later Thursday, Dr. Naff flanked by Mr. Rami Khouri and Mr. Ibrahim Abu Nab, both prominent journalists and political analysts, participated in a panel discussion on the Reagan peace initiative, held at the American centre. During the discussion, Dr. Naff agreed that in the event of American failure to bring about a settlement in the Middle East, there is a high possibility that this will pave the way for the Soviet Union to play a more active role in

Mr. Khouri expressed the view that the Reagan initiative is "an American signal of inclination to be more reasonable in dealing with the Middle East issue"

Mr. Khouri pointed out that the initiative signified an important shift from the policies pursued at the beginning of the Reagan administration's term. He noted. however, that the American position is motivated mainly by its desire to stabilise the situation in the Middle East. "It is a bit worrying that the American initiative is motivated by the fear of destability in this area and consequently it is not serious in its focus on the Palestinian issue." he

Mr. Khouri questioned the sig-nificance attributed to "the ele-ment of time." Mr. Khouri added that the Arabs have heard verbal declarations from the Americans before and it was time for the Americans to act.

Mr. Abu Nab said that all par-ties involved, including the Americans, are in a state of maction. "The only party which was acting and imposing realities in the area was Israel," he said.

Mr. Abu Nab added that it was high time for Americans and Arabs to act and participate in shaping the realities in the area. "The Arabs have been giving positive signals to the Americans which reflect their acceptance to co-exist with Israel." he said. "What more can the Americans ask from the Arabs," he asked-

# dominate Health Council session

the country's needs, and pointed

Plastics fair

AMMAN (Petra) - A committee

representing the plastics industry

has been formed to organise a fair

showing the advanced level

reached by the plastics industry in

At a meeting held at the Amman Chamber of Industry

Wednesday, it was decided to ask

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ical Association Nabih Mu'ammar said the number of doctors registered at the association at the end of 1982 totalled 2,784. Health Ministry statistics indicate that there is one doctor for every 840 people in Jordan and, by 1985, there will one doctor for every 450 people, while in the United States, there is one doctor to each 6,600 people. The Council members decided to form a committee made up of representatives from the Health Ministry, the Royal Medical Corps, the University of Jordan, and the Medical Association to find a way to assign the new doctors to hospitals around the country. The committee will

The Higher Health Council also discussed the conditions of the health insurance.

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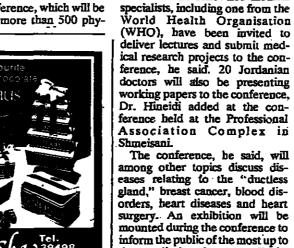
mated at seven kilogrammes. Agriculture Ministry\_officials necessary requirements for such have said that other types of veg-production.

## Third national medical conference to be held in May

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's sicians and specialists, is designed third national medical conference to forge cooperation between Jorwill be held here on May 2 and 3, according to an announcement Wednesday by the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA).

JMA executive committee chairman Mahmoud Al Hineidi told a press conference that the two-day conference, which will be





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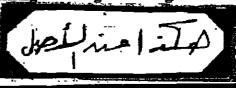
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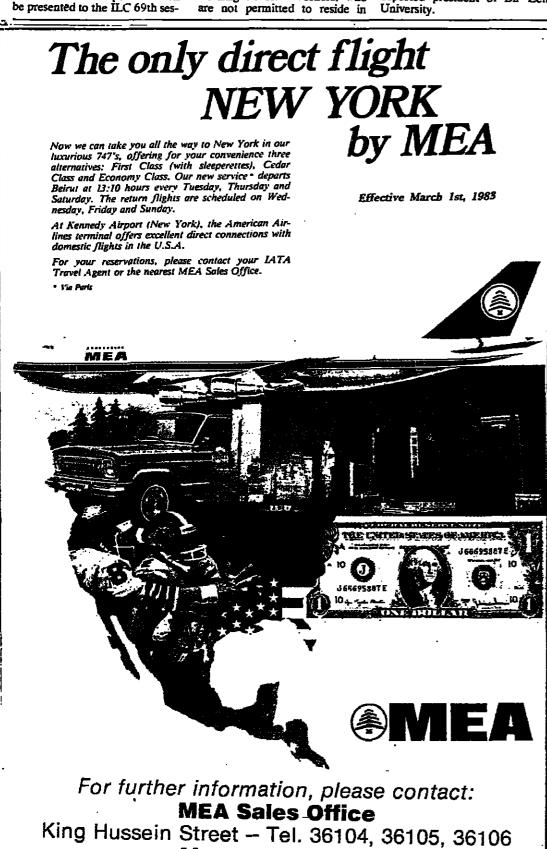
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# 50 years after husband's execution... wife fights for justice

By Amy Pagnozzi

NEW YORK - Fifty years after what Americans call "the crime of the century." Anna Hauptmann is fighting again to clear her executed husband of murdering the Lindbergh baby.

At 84, she has embroiled herself in a vast lawsuit, lie detector tests,

appeals to the supreme court and at a trial drenched in damning presearches of police files in an effort to prove his innocence posthumously.

The case has shadowed her life since her husband, Richard "Bruno" Hauptmann, a 36year-old carpenter and German immigrant, went to the electric chair in New Jersey in 1936.

The crime he was convicted of,

trial publicity, was murdering the kidnapped infant son of the nation's hero, Charles Lindbergh. aviator and first man to fly solo across the Atlantic.

From his arrest, when marked ransom notes were traced to him, to his execution four years after the kidnapping, Hauptmann protested his innocence.

framed. She is suing the State of New Jersey, the Hearst Newspaper Corporation and retired members of the state police and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for \$100 million.

His widow believes he was

The suit is being fought for her by Robert Bryan, a San Francisco lawyer who in interviewing her found her belief in her husband's innocence so compelling he took the case without fee.

Mrs. Hauptmann expects, and suffers, setbacks. She was not sur-

eral judge Frederick Lacey as dapper jailed." presiding judge in her suit.

Hauptmann was arrested at his home in the Bronx, New York, two years later. Ransom money was alleged to have been found in his garage, the telephone number of a man who mediated in the ransom talks serawled on a hidden panel in the house.

empire, treated him as guilty from

prised when the supreme court suspect, the banner headlines over recently refused to disqualify fed- his picture read: "Lindbergh kin-

> Much of the evidence in Mrs. Hauptmann's suit is based on documents her lawyer obtained under the freedom of information act and she said they showed that evidence was suppressed.

Among the evidence her suit anel in the house. says was suppressed is proof that The press, led by the Hearst Hauptmann found the \$50,000 ransom in his garage, pictures of the start. The day of his arrest as a the body showing it could not have

been identified and evidence that it was taller than the Lindbergh baby.

The suit points to Hauptmann's employment records, alleged to have been missing during the trial, which his widow says back his alibi.

It also says Colonel Lindbergh at first testified he would not be able to recognise the voice he heard from a distance of 200 metres at the ransom pickup-then positively identified

The inventive pair are now

laughing all the way to the bank as

the game proved one of the hottest

items on everyone's Christmas list

Princess Anne.

Ronald Reagan.

Hauptmann's voice two and a half years later in court.

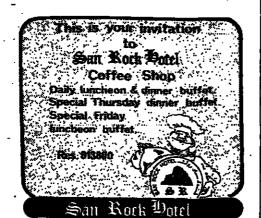
Mr. Bryan returns to U.S. district court in Newark, New Jersey, on Feb. 7 and 14 for preliminary hearings.

Mrs. Hauptmann, when not conferring with him, knits and crochets, keeps house, goes to senior citizens meetings and keeps hoping.

"I have a good lawyer." she said. "We fight to the death."



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### New board game: The brainchild of 2 journalists

By Russell Blinch

TORONTO - Who was the first president of the United States born in a hospital?

What actor was on stage when a streaker made an unscheduled appearance at the 1974 academy awards?

If you knew the answers --Jimmy Carter and David Niven -- and believe you could make a stab ing off little known facts. at 5,998 equally irrelevant and obscure questions, then you could conquer a new board game that is

a huge success in Canada. Trivial pursuit is the brainchild of two Montreal journalists who worked out the questions while lounging on a Spanish beach and then realised the commercial possibilities of capitalising on the North American passion for reel-

Scott Abbott and Chris Haney had their brainwave one night while playing scrabble, the crossword puzzle game that must rank with Monopoly as one of the world's most popular board

They confess to having some favourities among the 6,000 they worked out -- who was the only female at the 1976 Olympics not given a sex text? Answer: Britain's last year.

Retailers were swamped with They cite two others they conorders, 100,000 trivial pursuits sider gems. What is the only aniwere sold, the game spread down mal with four knees?--the to the United States and now they elephant. Who signed Clark hope 1983 sales there could reach Gable's military discharge?--

Selling the game in the United States was like going full circle for the two inventors -- it is being marketed by Selchow and Righter, the makers of scrabble.

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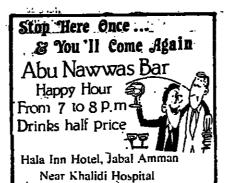












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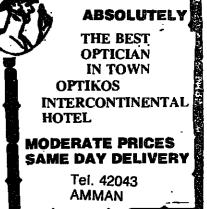
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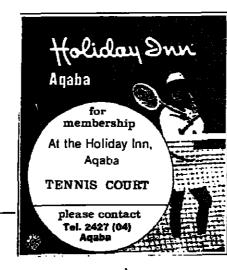


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#### Trip on the same boat

THERE is no point in trying to hide the fact that differences do exist among Palestinian resistance and political groups on the strategy needed for crystallising a clear Palestinian position on the issues facing them today. On the one hand, there is the flexible Arafat line which, if toed by the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers later this month, would give impetus to the current search for peace in the Middle East. And there is, on the other hand, the hardline position adopted by Arafat's rivals in and outside of the PLO umbrella which, if accepted by the majority in the Palestinian parliament in exile, could wreck the chances for starting a viable peace process based on a compromise formula of the Arab and Reagan plans. Of course there might be a third choice for the Palestinians to make: neither follow this nor that line, but take a middle course that could lead nowhere.

Perhaps because Jordanians believe that in the end it is a purely Palestinian decision whether to involve the PL() in the peace process, having clearly explained to and fully discussed with the PLO leadership what the available options entail, Jordan is adopting a wait-and-see policy. As far we are concerned, however, it is only logical, and certainly most helpful to the Palestinian cause, that Chairman Arafat be given the approval for staying the course with us in the bid to recover the occupied territories and to put an end to Israel's expansionist plans against the Arab

It is also in the best interest of the United States that the PLO go on board the peace ship, although it should be clear to the Americans that Mr. Arafat's hand is very much tied by" the U.S.' failure so far to deliver Israel-either on Lebanon or on the question of West Bank settlements. Regrettably, mere anticipation by Washington of what might come out of the PNC meeting without coming down forcefully on Israeli obduracy is again weakening faith in American policies and eroding what is left of U.S. credibility amongst Arabs but particularly Palestinians. Such being the American case, it will have been indeed difficult to cite any other reason for the Palestinians deciding to stay away from the U.S.-led peace process when the PNC has met and considered the options on

This we do not wish to happen, and we are optimistic that it will not. Jordan nevertheless remains committed to going it together with the PLO; and as it happens. Jordanians and Palestinians cannot and will not go back on their unique and distinctive relationship, for any reason, be it continued threats from Gen. Sharon or successive American failures to honour their promises. The Palestine National Council is free to do what it likes, but it cannot forget that Jordan and Jordanians are with the Palestinians on the same boat.

### Al Ra'i: Hopes for PLO-lordanian talks fully justified

JORDAN'S ARABIL PRESS EDITORIALS

Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat is expected to arrive in Amman

within a few days for the resumption of the fordanian-Palestinian talks, and an exchange of views on the "peace and time battle" in the Middle

It is natural that many people look forward to the!" forthcoming round of talks with great interest. especially after it has become evident that Israel is with manipulating the time-scale to serve its aggressive ends by creating new settlements in the occupied Arab territories. In the light of this fact, the time factor is of great import, as the Israeli settlement schemes are being speeded up to bring about a de facto annexation. This in turn makes it a top priority for the Jordanian and Palestinian lead-

#### Al Dustour: U.S. inaction jeopardises its peacemaker credibility

The Lebanese expectations that the U.S. will play a more effective role with regard or an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon is a wish shared by the Arab World. It also extends a hope for a serious overall American effort to establish a just and durable peace in the Middle East as a whole,

A backward glance would show that the Arab Nation, the Palestinians and the Lebanese in particular, were eager to see the U.S. assume its international responsibilities ever since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon started.

To say that the U.S. could have foiled the Israeli invasion of Lebanon is common knowledge. Still, the U.S. is actually in a position to pressure Israel. into a timely withdrawal from Lebanon. The indifference the American administration showed while the Israeli forces savagely bombarded the Lebanerships to rescue both the territories west of the lordan River, and their people.

Fighting the "peace battle" needs courage, efficiency and insight into these matters. And the Iordanian-Palestinian talks are characteristically, courageous when rising to their national responsibilities, efficient when such responsibilities, are tarried out and do not lack insight when performing oduties that cannot wait longer.

Hence, the hopes that the forthcoming talks will be fruitful and constructive is fully justified. The leaderships of the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples consistently believe in the distinctive nature of the Jordanian-Palestinian accord. They are also fully aware of the challenges the two peoples are facing, here in this part of the Arab World.

ese capital, in defiance of all international laws has done much harm to the U.S. image in the region. The Lebanese prime minister has emphasised that his government still relies on an American

stand over Lebanon. To him this choice is quite justifiable because of the special relationship berween Israel and the U.S. Israel I.ves an American money, launches attacks against the Arabs with American arms and enjoys American diplomatic umbrella, without which the world would be able to deal with Israel more effectively. An American failure to compensate for past indecisiveness and to put an end to Israeli aggressive tendencies will not only be a blow to U.S. credibility regarding the Lebanese problem, but also be a severe blow to the American image at the pan- Arab and international

# Suppressing a national identity

By Michael Dumper

During Israel's invasion of Lebanon 30,000 of Israel's Palestinian Arabs demonstrated against the attack. This was the largest Arab demonstration within Israel since 1948 and it served to underline some fundamental changes taking place in Israeli political life. Israel's Arab population already makes up 10 per cent of the country's electorate: By the end of this decade Arabs will exceed 20 per cent of Israel's population. But the size of the community is not its only strength: the growing contacts between it and the Palestinians in the occupied territories give added weight to the Israeli Arabs' consciousness of their political and cultural identity and of their historical presence in what is now Israel.

The Czech writer, Milan Kundera, recently compared his country to an exercise book where the eraser is always cutching up on the pencil: its history is constantly being obliterated. Palestinians in Israel will understand this imagery in terms of their Islamic heritage. and particularly their holy places.

One leading Muslim activist from the Haifa area echoed Kundera when he said: "The Israelis want us to forget our past so that we feel we have no roots here." The abuse and desecration of Islamic holy places by the Israeli government is closely tied to its attempts to suppress a Palestinian national identity and culture inside Israel.

Over the past few years the preservation of the Palestinian Islamic heritage in Israel has assumed great importantance. Cemeteries are being cleaned up by volunteers at Palestinian work-camps, run-down mosques are being refurbished and several societies have been formed to protest against the abuse and confiscation of holy sites by Israeli officials.

Many Palestinian Muslims now realise that local municipal development plans are part of pattern of desecratios that have taken place in many towns and villages. in Israel. While recent confrontations between the Israeli

the Hassan Bek mosque in Jaffa and the Istiglal cemetery in Haifa have dramatically illustrated this pattern, there is in fact a long history of officially condoned malpractices and desecrations. For example, in 1950 the Knesset passed the Absentee Property Law which permitted the government to dispose of all waqf land, that is land which is endowed in the name of God for the benefit of the Muslim community. The law made God an "absencee landlord" which in addition to being ridiculous legal definition had important political consequences. A custodian of Absentee Property was made responsible for the wayf land and this he eventually sold or leased to development authorities and to the Jewish National Fund for absurdly low sums. In this way Israeli law succeeded in transferring the assets of the Muslim community to the Jewish community, in the guise of the Jewish National Fund, and to Israeli

#### **Yandalism**

commercial enterprises.

Israeli officials argue that the Custodian's responsibility for waqf land was necessary since the legal Muslim administrators had "left" during the 1948 war. But Muslims charge that as the largest non-Jewish community in Israel they have been singled out for special treatment. Christian, Druze or Baha'i waaf land has not suffered in the same way. In addition. Muslisms say, the other religious communities retain much control over the management of their land and communal activities, whereas officials have been appointed by the Israeli government to oversee Muslim

In a stroll around the dilapidated Palestinian quarters in Acre. Jaffa. Ramle. Lydda or Haifa one can see the results of Israeli control. Mosques are in appalling disrepair while cemeteries are vandalised, dirty, neglected, or even bull-dozed out of existence. The waqf bazaars and warehouses, whose profits used to support mosques, the Muslim schools and other communual

Many religious buildings have been converted into museums. cafes, discotheques and restaur-

ants selling alcohol. Whent the government grants allocated to the Muslim community are mentioned. Muslim leaders, pointing to the peeling paint and holes in the roofs of the buildings they administer, retort: "It's not enough to pay for the paper we use in the office.

However, the Muslim community itself is divided and many government appointees -- the mosque officials, religious judges and waqf trustees - have assisted the Israeli government. Ordinary Muslims claim that connivance between appointed Muslim officials and the various Israeli municipal authorities has led to the covert sale and disposal of the remaining Muslim waqf land. Accusations of corruption and shady dealing are rife, and the committees in Jaffa and in Haifa have been disbanded by the government as a result of Muslim pressure.

#### Desecration of holy places

Haifa provides a good example of the religious and political issues which surround the desecration of Islamic holy places in Israrel. In the mid-1970s the Haifa municipality attempted to develop an area of waqf land and a mosque which they considered unsafe. These plans precipitated the formation of an independent Muslim society, the Islamic Initiative Committee (IIC), which commissioned four engineers to report on the structure of the mosque.

They concluded that the structure was sound. The IIC then secured an appointment with the Israeli government's adviser for Arab affairs, Yoram Katz, on Noy, 1977. However, on the morning of No. 5 bulldozers appeared on the site and partially demolished the mosque. Particularly upsetting was the fact that this action could not have taken place without the agreement of the area's traditional Muslim leader, the Qadi of Acre. The groups, they do not control them. fact that he was a government nor, more important, do their government and Palestinians over institutions, are now empty or col- appointee only showed up the groups subscribe to the party. This

exerts over the Muslim community.

The same cooperation between the traditional Muslim leaders and the government was demonstrated in the destruction of the Istiqlal cemetery in Haifa during the summer of 1981. Despite active resistance from the Muslim community, municipal bulldozers flattened one of the only remainng Palestinian Muslim cemeteries in Haifa. It is common knowledge that the qadi was obliged to agree to this desecration in order to secure government funds for the renovation and repair of the al-

Jazzar mosque in Acre. A similar controversy also arose, over the Hassan Bek mosque in Jaffa. Having leased it secretly to the brother of Shimon Peres for commercial development, the waqf trustees were forced to resign when the truth was revealed. The new trustee claimed that the lease was invalid and a violation of Islamic law and launched a public campaign to oppose the development plans. This attracted support from Palestinians throughout Israel and, significantly, from the occupied territories, culminating in a mass prayer gathering in the dilapidated shell of the mosque. Although the trustees managed to invalidate the lease, the final outcome is still in doubt.

#### The political consequences

The growing concern of Palestinians about the desecration of their holy places has had three important political consequences. First, independent and vociferous protest groups are springing up to oppose the discredited traditional Muslim leadership. These groups, claiming that they are the real representatives of the community, are challenging the determination of the government to dominate the Muslim community by gaining the cooperation of the traditional leaders.

Second, it has affected the standing of the Israeli Communist party, Rakah. Although Rakah members belong to the new

degree of control the government ideology is a setback to Rakah's aim to be the only party to rep. resent the Palestinians in Israel. Leading members of the IIC believe they were let down by Rakah over the Istiqlal cemetery campaign. Apparently, Knesset member Tewfiq Toubi, whilst supporting the IIC in Haifa, at the same time concurred with the decision to allow the Haifa municipality to go through with its

> The third development is the way Muslims and Christians have cooperaed in these groups. The organisation of Jaffa Arabi, campaigning against the expropriation of waqf land in Jaffa, it is run jointly by Christians and Muslims. while the motto of Haits's lic Resist Discrinination", is a Qur'anie injunction specifically chosen to emphasise the wider non-sectarian policical and cultural context of their compaign.

Muslim-Christian cooperation in Palestinian politics is not, of course, unprecedented: it was a salient feature in the nationalist politics of the 1920s and 30s. But it is a cooperation which disturbs the Israeli government for it marks the failure of its attempts to encourage sectarian divisions between Muslim. Christian and Druze Palestinians in Israel, Particularly disturbing for the Israeli government is the possibility that such cooperation in the defence of a common historical and cultural heritage may form part of a new trend in Israel where the Islamic holy places become a vehicle or focus for a Palestinian nation-

The groundwork for a Pakestinian state is being laid inside Israel. The forging of a Palestinian national identity, a prerequisite for any future state, has long been a reality in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the refugee cumps of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, The last component, the Palestinians inside Israel, has been neglected, but one can infer from their present activity and concern over their Islamic heritage that their belated entry into the Palestinian national movement is already under way.

-- Middle East International

## The run-up to Vest Ger nany's Aarch 16 election

## Ruling coalition campaigns against itself

By Jonathan Carr

motto for West Germany's Social Democrat Party (SPD) four months after losing government power and six weeks before a general election. The initial depression, which followed the collapse of the coalition with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), has vanished. In its place is a party which seems to be on a diet of pep pills.

The SPD's congress held last month in Dortmund -- in the heart of the "Red Ruhr" - was little short of euphoric. The party's candidate to become Chancellor. Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, fresh from headline-making visits to Washington, Moscow and Paris. presented a programme for the first 100 days of government as though the election was virtually siles towards success.

He pledged a programme to fight unemployment, partly financed by a surtax on the better-paid. "Unsocial measures" taken by the present centre-right coalition on rents, student grants and health insurance would be removed. Women wanting jobs would receive a better deal - and German foresis threatened by acid rain would be protected. Little wonder that "the comrades"

appaluded with gusto. Ironically, if anything cast a damper on this display of Social Democrat delight it was the speech given by the Socialist President of France, M. François Mitterrand, in the Bundestag only a day earlier.

He promised a personal initia- parts of his address, M. Mitterrand aged either by the SPD's election truction of Sovietones. But he wire BONN — Nothing succeeds like tive to help push the super-power took at least as tough a stance as failure. That could well be the talks on intermediate-range mis-Washington and London. He warned that a wedge might be driven between Europe and the United States, stressed that the French nuclear deterrent could not form any part of a superpower missiles deal in Geneva. and recalled that a balance of terror was less insecure than no balance at all.

For quite a lot of SPD listeners. this sounded uncomfortably like an election campaign speech on behalf of Herr Helmut Kohl, the Christian Democrat (CDU) Chancellor. Herr Kohl's happy smile during the address indicated he was thinking much the same.

It is most unlikely that M. Mitterrand (or indeed Britain's Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret

In the defence and security Thatcher) will have been encour- Western missiles and some descampaign programme approved in -- at least temporarily -- whistled Dortmund or by Herr Vogel's back into line by Herr Kohl. speech there.

#### Counter-proposal

The programme says that both French and British nuclear deterrents must be taken into account in East-West negotiations aimed at military balance, although Paris and London feel this has already happened in previous superpower talks on strategic arms limitations. And while urging both Moscow and Washington to show flexibility, it underlines that the U.S. cannot stick to its opening bargaining position of autumn

Herr Vogel took up this point in his speech, by calling on Washington to make a constructive counter-proposal" now that Mr. Andropov, the Soviet leader, had indicated he was ready for compromise.

One of the oddest things about all this is that the U.S. bargaining position was formed in close consultation with other members of the Western Alliance, not least with the SPD-led government in. Bonn of the then Chancellor-Helmut Schmidi. The U.S. to the SPD's delight, came out in favour of the so-called "zero option", which means that if Moscow destroys all its intermediate-range missiles the West will deploy no Pershing-2 or cruise missiles of its own.

Now the SPD seems to be talking as though the "zero option" is unrealistic and adherence to it a sign of inflexibility.

It might be thought that Herr Kohl's government parties -- the CDU, the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) and the FDP--could easily gain electoral advantage from this apparent inconsistency. But the government forces are squandering the chance by being publicly inconsistent themselves.

#### Interim solution

While Herr Kohl continues to espouse the zero option, his old rival, the CSU leader Herr Franz Josef Strauss, says it is absurd to think the Russians will destroy all their intermediate-range missiles.

Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher. the FDP leader and foreign minister, had earlier adopted a similar public position to Hen Strauss and urged an "interim solution" in Geneva--some deployment of

The chancellor I is it would be weakening the Western negotiating stand to suggest that anything less than the best was being aimed at. Now the public position of the government parties has come apart at the seams.

That would matter less for Herr Kohl is all other elements of the election campaign were going well for him -- but they are not. One major blow has come from the decision of the Union parties notafter all to repay a supplementary tax being levied on the better paid.

The idea was to put these tax funds into building programmes this year and next, then pay back the money from 1987 after - it was hoped -- the economy improved. The Union parties agreed with the FDP on the scheme last autumn, but in their latest campaign programme they announced that they aimed not repay the money after all. They argue that all sectors of society must make sacrifices, and that they had only agreed to repayment under pressure from the

On the face of it this does not seem as serious an issue as the possible deployment of new nuclear missiles in West Germany. But it could do Herr Kohl a lot of damage all the same. His particular strength has been that of a man known to keep his word, and the CDU is taking advantage of this reputation with its campaign posters proclaiming: "This Chancellor creates confidence. The CDU's abrupt reversal of its prisition is likely to be felt by many voters to undermine that claim.

That clearly does not mean that the race is already lost for Herra Kohl's coalition. The support which he loses over the tax affair could well flow to the FDP and thus not vanish for the government alliance as a whole.

Latest opinion polls give the CDU-CSU a little less that 50 per cent of the vote. the SPD a little over 40 per cent, the FDP around 4 per cent and the Greens (ecologists and pacifists) about 6 percent.

There is everything still to play for - but at present the government parties seem to be conducting the election campaign as much against themselves as against the buoyant Social Democrats.

- The Financial Times news fraum



# Jeil in ITA

# Notes from the diary of a woman driver Poverty gap increases Israel's ethnic tensions



## Salwa El Taher

Monday. Dear Diary,

Fasten your seat-belt, for I have decided to start you.

Like so many things in life, you were spurred by a dream, a dream that seems to haunt more and more of my nights. I am sitting behind the wheel, driving along a road; I reach a red light where some cars are already lined up. I press my foot upon the brakes, but I must be going too fast, for the car won't stop. I press, press, press, but the car keeps gliding, as on a sandy surface. I have no more control over it. I end up crashing into the car in from of me... Do you think this is indicative of my pace of life? Red light -- stop - I can't! Am I going too fast, am I dashing into things too quickly? Slow down, woman, while you still can. Slow down before it's too late.

That dream also made me realise how big a part the car plays in my life. How much time I actually spend driving. Going places, finding the way there, getting there.

But why the diary of a womandriver? Simply because so many of our roles in society, so many of our activities are sexually-determined that driving seems to be no exception. Do you know that I perceive a difference in my driving at night because I am then a "neutral" being, not a woman, just another pair of lights? I do not have to wonder if the next person is going to try to take my right of way as soon as he sees me, or, on the contrary, stop his car short in the middle of a round about to make way for me.

You would be surprised how many patterns of behaviour, howmany attitudes unfold behind the wheel: temper, disposition, relationship to authority, outlook to women. For instance, it is part of the Arab bedouin heritage never to leave a woman alone in distress. It is unheard of. It stems from a complex of attributes that make up the Arab muru'a -- chivalry. mutual help and support, sense of honour, sense of obligation — a word which one British Orientalist once told me had no counterpart in the English language. And, I ask you, did you ever see a woman in this country change her own tyre? This never ceases to amaze me, but every single time I have a the wind and blowing his horn like flat tyre, there is at least one per- a madman. To me, this behaviour son — usually, more — who was like a red rag to a bull. I comes, changes it for me and even remembered friends dead on the tells me where to go to repair it so that I won't have to go on without

My little brother often used to say as a child "When I grow up, I want to be a policeman". My son also went through a stage when he thought this was the grandest of all occupations. Too bad we lose our illusions as we grow older. For there are at least two policemen in this city who must not enjoy their work very much: the one at the Third Circle, and the one at the Shmeisani-Jordan Supermarket intersection.

You know, the last one in particular used to puzzle me a great deal. There are no traffic lights at this intersection and a special kiosk — quite charming, really is provided there for the policeman. Yet, I never used to see him, ever. I kept boping I'd see him some day; first I thought the poor man had come down with the flu; or that a sunstroke kept him in bed, in spite of his special shelter standing there forlorn.

But I saw him today: yes, alive and well, chatting with his fellow policeman down the road.

Then he walked up to the intersection and stood there, looking very impressive, watching, just watching, the cars. I used to think there was something out of the ordinary about a policeman watching his own traffic; but I guess one can get used to anything. Some cars came forward, from Shmeisani to the main road. an inch at a time, like beggars -worse, like thieves, for they were stealing other people's right of way. They had to put up with a few deprecating looks, but what else could they do? We seemed to have been stranded there forever.

Then, I suppose the policeman felt guilty about the whole thing and decided to give us a hand. One little snag: he allowed us all into the much-coveted street before having stopped the flow of traffic already in it.

I'll put this riddle to you: if two cars coming from different directions have a head-on collision because they were both given 'the green light by a policeman, who is

Wednesday. Why is, it that people take all the

time in the world to do most things, but, when it comes to driving, are all in a hurry? You are standing at a red light; as soon as it starts to turn to orange, the car stopped at some busy cross-roads: as if it was not difficult enough to watch out for cars coming from different directions, to evaluate their speed and to cross in your developed aggressive behaviour in these cases. If someone honks, then I delay him even more. I will not be bullied; and if there is to be a battle of wills, then I'll take up the challenge!

As for senseless speeding... I was driving through the University side entrance today when a taxi emerged behind me, racing it was sadness for the car, like an gazetted. President Moi obviously

road, families eradicated in an' instant of folly by such public menaces. I remembered a girl who lost her life on this very spot.

And I got ready for him. Observing him in the mirror, I started to block his way, intentionally slowing down. I pulled to the right when he tried to curve in from there, came back to the left when he tried to bypass me. My heart racketed in my chest, but I was out to stop this person. It was as if I was responsible for the fate of mankind. Then I saw a car coming from the opposite direction, and I opened way. My pursuer pounced forward, then jerked back and very quickly withdrew, pulling into line behind me, slowing down once and for all.

I was exhausted from the manoeuvre; I was scared, from what I'd done, from what I could have done. I expected the taxi driver to come after me, but he disappeared into the blue. I could not see him any more. He probably decided I was a person best avoided; and I am, when in that state. What business did he have to speed so on the campus? When will blood spilled on the roads be taken more

Thursday.

Did you ever ask yourself what kind of relationship exists between a man and his car?

This morning, I was putting my Fiat into reverse - a feat I can accom-reasonably well in spite of my sex and the legends about women drivers. I was not going to hit any other cars. And yet, from both sides of the street pierced screams of pure terror. "Heecececececy!" yelled one voice. "Hold it" shouted another, "Be careful" warned a third. Logic told me that they could not all possibly be co-owners of the car parked behind me. It turned out, of course, that they owned no car in the vicinity but were all concerned pedestrians volunteeering to get me out of the fix I did not know I was in.

A very common scene in any street in the Arab World, not very dramatic. Yet containing in it all the components of a potential drama. For things might take on tragic proportions the minute I as much as scrape a fleck of paint off a man's car. What is, in general, the reaction of a man whose gar, has just been hurt — ever so slightly? Red in the face, gesticulating wildly, he comes down shouting at the top of his voice before checking the damage done. behind you honks. You have By hurting the car you have hurt

-- humiliated? -- the man. I find this quite intriguing. I once owned a Volkswagen "Rabbit". It was parked in front of my house on a rather steep road when own time, you have to worry about a lunatic came along, lost control the car behind you getting impa-tient. I must admit I have two opposite rows of six cars in the process, before stopping safe and sound. You can imagine the pileup. I looked out of the window: sure enough, here was my "Rabbit" as good as dead, grotesquely swerved sideways, its front door

completely knocked in. I remember distinctly being submerged with sadness then, but

my old Rabbit and I had established a special relationship over the years. It had taken me places and we had had to put up with each other's moods and whims for so long we had come to a special understanding. But I was all the while conscious that I saw my car as a separate entity, a being dear to me but independent from me. The sight of the smashed door

next to the driver's seat was

enough to give anyone fatalistic

creeps; yet at no. time did I feel

myself personally threatened or

assaulted, let alone insulted. Yet I have come to suspect that cars are in some mysterious way an extention of men's egos. And not only in the Arab World, A German lawyer once told me that they annually have a number of traffic murders in Germany. Men have actually killed people who had taken their right of way. These are, of course, extreme cases, and might be explained by an acute, pathological sense of selfrighteousness as well as by an extreme identification with the car. Was there, I asked, a rela-

tionship between a man's sense of

old friendship severed. Of course, power and virility and the car he choses? This lawyer seemed to think so: "The more 'macho' the man, the more he will go for fast, fancy and complicated cars."

We stayed up so late last night that I overslept this morning. So what's new? Well, I had arranged for a tennis lesson at 9 o'clock with the new coach at the Royal Automobile Club. So, considering: 1) the price per minute of tennis lesson 2) the fact that Friday is my only free day 3) that it used to be a holiday for policemen too 4) that my speedometer has been out of order for a week -- considering all this, then, I found myself speeding on my way to the club. (A matter of five kilometres an hour too fast, I was told later, but how can you argue with a radar?) Lo and behold, right after the Sixth Circle appeared three uniforms:

"Driver's licence, car registration document, please. Madam," said one uniform. "Right. Would you like to pay your ticket now, or would you like us to keep your licence until you

There went JD5 out of my coach's fees; I pictured in my mind the kind of reception I was likely to get from him.

I duly paid, got the signed orange slip, my license, and was ready to go. Or was I? For, of course, now my car refused to start: I had not taken enough time to warm the engine up properly.

How could so many things go wrong at 9 o'clock in the morning? "What's the matter, Madam?" asked one of the policemen. "My car won't start. It does that

answered, with a grimace of apol-'Hassan, Saleh, come over here

sometimes when it's cold," I

a minute." I bet these men wished they had never stopped me, ticket or no ticket. But then, before I knew it, I was invited to get out of my car. One policeman took my place behind the wheel, while the other two started pushing my car from behind, as I stood on the sidewalk.

Well, didn't I say that, in Jordan at any rate, the age of chivalry and the tradition of muru'a are not

and scarring, which can cause childbirth problems.

The operation is often carried out by village midwives, with

authority from chiefs, and usually

under appallingly unhygienic con-ditions. Knives, old razor blades

and sometimes pieces of glass are

used. It is not surprising that com-

plications ensue, and often serious

One reason behind the practice,

though not always specifically

stated, is to remove women's sex

urges and thus protect their chas-

With the spread of health ser-

vices and education in Kenya,

many believe the practice will

eventually die out. Many African

women activists believe this can-

not be helped by European

women liberals campaigning

against it. Many will remember

the United Nations women's con-

ference in Copenhagen in 1980,

when European anti-circumcision

speakers were accused by Afri-

Director of Kenya's Medical Ser-

vices in charge of the family health

programme says, "With general

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Dr. Salvator Kanani, Deputy

cans of racialism.

aemorrhage.

# Israel's ethnic tensions

By David Lennon

TEL AVIV — The social, economic and educational gap between Israel's ruling European Ashkenazi Jews and the Oriental Jews, who come mostly from the 1977 was caused by a sufficient Middle East and North Africa, has long been regarded as a potential flashpoint for major social tensions in Israel.

When, last month, the police killed an Oriental Jew who fired at a bulldozer to try to stop the demolition of an extension to his Tel Aviv slum home, the longsimmering anger burst into the open. Angry residents of slum neighbourhoods daubed swastikas on buildings along with slogans describing Tel Aviv's mayor. Shlomo Lahat, as a nazi.

Deeply rooted in this outburst of anger was the feeling among the slum dwellers that the decision to knock down the illegal addition to the home of the Yehoshua family was another example of discrimination. They point out that there are 10,000 such demolition orders gathering dust in the municipal offices, but that those issued against people who live in the wealtheir areas of Tel Aviv are not implemented. While this is demonstrably true, and it is equally true that the vast majority of Israel's Jewish poor and oriental in origin, this should not be taken to mean that all oriental Jews are living in poverty.

#### Poverty

The National Insurance Institute says that 150,000 Israeli Jews live in poverty. To this figure can be added perhaps another 250,000 people living in poor housing, even though their income level may not put them into the poverty class. With the Oriental Jews making up nearly 60 per cent of the population, the figure of 400,000 living at the bottom of the scale accounts for only 20 per cent of the oriental population. This means that 80 per cent of the orientals are out of the slums and off the breadline.

But, having said this, the ethnic gap remains. Last year the central bureau of statistics reported that the gross incomes of urban wageearners from the Middle East and North Africa is 40 per cent lower than that of wage-earners from Ashkenazi backgrounds. But it is not just income or housing which determines attitudes. Dr. Sami Smoucha, a sociology

lecturer in Haifa university who came to Israel from Iraq in 1951 at the age of 10, did a study a few years ago based on official statistics which showed that the gap, instead of narrowing, was becoming institutionalised. According to his findings, only 13 per cent of the Oriental Jews are employed in the elite professions, sciences and executive jobs, as opposed to 31 per cent of the Ashkenazi Jews.

Representation of the Orientals in the Knesset, top positions in the civil service and public institutions show an even worse relationship, he says. One of the biggest complaints of the Oriental immigrants is about the quality of the education which is availble to them, and this is borne out by the huge imbalance between the number of orientals and Ashkenazim in the

Palestine, Shmeisani ......... Shmeisani Hospital .......

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unviersities and other institutes of higher learning.

It has rightly been said that it was the Orientals who put Begin into power, and who keep him there. The political revolution of number of Oriental Jews switching their traditional allegiance from the Labour party to the Likud bloc

This was an expression of their anger, disappointment and frustration over the Labour "establishment" failure to integrate them fairly into the new society. They chose Begin, another Ashkenazi. not because of his ethnic background, but because he was the only opposition choice they had.

#### A mistake

It would be a mistake on the part of outside observers and of Likud politicians to think that the Oriental or Sephardi vote is in the pocket of Begin or his successors in Likud. There are diehard Oriental supporters of Likud. But in the middle lie enough Orientals with floating loyalties to swing the votes back to Labour if Likud fails to deliver the goods.

So far the Likud has been able to deliver the economic goods. The populist policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor have made it possible for more consumer durables such as colour TVs, videos and cars to be bought in the last couple of years than ever before. Despite recession and massive unemployment in the West, Israel's unemployment rate is only around five per cent.

And yet the ethnic tensions persist. The well-known Israeli author, Amos Oz, recently wrote a lengthy article in Davar recording a five-hour conversation he had with residents of the largely Oriental town of Beit Shemesh near Jerusalem. Sitting at a sidewalk cafe he was subject to a non-stop barrage of attacks on the Ashkenazi elite, as represented by the Labour party, which they blamed for repressing them, for teaching them not to respect their parents and ignoring their cultures, pushing some of them into crime and keeping them economically deprived.

One sample: "When I was quite small the kindergarten teacher was white and her help was black. At school, the teacher was an Iraqi, the director a Pole.

In the army we Moroccans are the privates, the officers are from a kibbutz. All my life I am down here and you are up there... What did they bring my parents here for? I'll tell you for what: not for the dirty work? At that time you did not have Arabs and you needed our parents as cleaners and servants and relief workers. Policemen, too. You brought our parents so they'd be your Arabs..."

Amos Oz concludes his long, bitter and angry article: "What will become of all of us I don't know. Anyone with a solution should get up and offer it and he d better not want too long -- things don't look good."

-- Middle East International

#### Kenya's president speaks out on female circumcision By John Worrall intended his words to be a general ban, or at least a strong inhibition plications in the female consist of dyspareunia (painful intercourse)

NAIROBI — Quiet pressures by medical men, nurses and African women activists against the sen-sitive "traditional" practice of female circumcision, have received a welcome boost from Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi. So far as is known, he is the first African leader to ban the practice among his own people. Indeed, his own predecessor, Jomo Kenyatta, was often quoted in support of the practice.

President Moi took this courageous action in his own home area of Baringo, in the Rift Valley. A practising Christian and a former schoolmaster, he was shocked by the deaths of 14 young girls after the operation at the hands of village midwives, and reports of others who had been taken to hospital with severe haemmorhage.
President Moi went further and

President Moi went further and this tribal practice. with murder people who carried out female circumcision with fatal "I will not allow children to die

when I am leader of this country", he said later, when he was raising money for a local bospital at Kathiani, in the Machakos district. In Kenya, female circumcision

is practised among some large tribal groups such as the Kikuyu, the Maasai, the Kisii, the Meru, and President Moi's own tribe, the Kaleniin. Recent tragic cases of mutilated girls indicates that the practice is still prevalent in the more remote area of rural Kenya, but thought to be slowly dying out due to the extension of health services, the efforts of social and medical workers and growing public opinion against it.

Although nothing has been

of the practice, which is deeprooted in the darker areas of custom and tradition and bound up with ceremonial preparation of girls for maturity.

President Moi's ban makes it unquestionably clear as to the direction the more enlightened leadership of Kenya wants the people to take on this controversial issue.

Doctors have frowned on the practice for some years, but no legislation has been issued. But following up the President's ban, Kenya's Director of Medical Services, Dr. Karuga Koinange, has ordered that no health official should circumcise a female without specific authority from the director. It came as some surprise that any health officials were circumcising girls, but it seemed that some being persuaded to carry out

workers, especially those allowed to circumcise males, "should appreciate that I do not consider anyone competent to circumcise females.

"This is a practice that should cease, and we can only achieve this by making our society aware of the risks that accompany the operation on females." He said there was some medical justification for circumcision of the male, but "none for the female"

Dr. Koinange went on: "The operation as done nowadays varies, but consists of clitoridectomy with or without the excision of the labia minora. More excessive forms exist in which the clitoris, labia minora and majora are excised."

Dr. Koinange said immediate complications include severe haemorrhage and shock, which

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#### WHAT'S GOING ON MUSEUMS **TODAY'S EVENTS**

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

 Traditional Tunisian costumes, at the French Cultural Centre.

Exhibit of ceramics by Isam Nuseirat and Hazem Al Zon'bi at the Alia Art

#### CHURCHES

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Ashrafich, 71751.
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, 663249.

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Folkiere Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

Jardan Archaeological Misseom: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qafa (Citadel Hill).

Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 400 a.m.)

4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a col-Jerdan National Gallety: Contains a col-lection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artisss from most of the Muslim coun-triesned a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabel Litweibdeh. Opening hours: Jabel Litweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128. Military Meseum: Collection of military memorabilis dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240. Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 user old items such as contumes.

150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

#### SERVICE CLUBS Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Tyche

Hotel, 1,30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings, every second and fourth Wednesday at the American Marriott Hotel, 1.30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings removement with the Holiday Inn.
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#### MONEY EXCHANGE

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Dutch guilder 132	132.8
Egyptian guinea 321/	327,3
French franc	51.4
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Italian lire (for 100) 25.2/	25.4
Japanese yen (for 100) 149.5/	150.4
Kuwaiti dinar 1223/	1228
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Saudi riya) 103.8/	104.7
Swedish crown 47.6/	47.9
Swiss franc 177.2/	178.3
Syrian lira , 62.7/	63.3
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# SPORTS

## West Indian rebel players face hectic 1-day series

PORT ELIZABETH. South Africa (R) - The rebel West Indian cricketers, who squared the two-match, four-day series with a thrilling win against a South African XI earlier this week, begin a hectic series of six one-day Internationals in nine days Saturday.

The tourists, hit by injuries which narrowed selection for the four-day games, expect to have all 16 players available for the first of the one-day matches here Saturday.

Colin Croft, who missed both Internationals with a nagging back injury, is almost certain to play as is Collis King, the belligerent century maker in the first innings of the second match against South

Opening batsman Alvin Greenidge, who is recovering from tonsilitis, is also expected to be fit, team officials said.

The visitors are not concerned over their second defeat of the tour at the hands of Natal Province Thursday when they lost a one-day limited overs match by 84 runs. They left several of their top players out of the side, including captain Lawrence Rowe, and admitted afterwards they had been too relaxed in their approach to the game.

Their victory in the second International in Johannesburg, when all 10 South African wickets fell in the space of 94 runs to give the West Indians a 29-run victory, has intensified public interest in the one-day series. All tickets for the 15,000 capacity St. George's Park ground here have been sold out for several days.

The South African selectors have made one change from their side in the four-day matches, dropping middle-order batsman Clive Rice and bringing into the 12 batsman Ken McEwan and pace bowler Kenny Watson.

Team officials have said they intend playing five bowlers which means Watson is certain to be included and the final place appears to be between McEwan and Kevin McKenzie. The West Indians are not expected to announce their line-up until

shortly before the match. The South Africa XI is (from): Jimmy Cook, Barry Richards, Peter Kirsten (captain). Graeme Pollock, Ken McEwan, Kevin McKenzie, Alan Kourie, Garth le Roux, Ray Jennings, Stephen Jefferies, Vintcent van der Bijl and Kenny Watson.

#### Bayaria honours Beckenbauer

MUNICH (R) - Franz Beckenbauer, who has won almost every trophy soccer has to offer, has been honoured by his native state

A spokesman for the Bavarian government said Friday that Munich-born Beckenbauer, 37, was awarded the Order of Merit by state Premier Franz Josef Strauss in a ceremony in the Bavarian capital Thursday night.
Strauss said: "He has made the state of Bavaria famous throughout

Beckenbauer spent most of his career with Bayern Munich, the club with which he won three European cups and a host of domestic

honours. Bayern is the German word for Bayaria. "Kaiser Franz", as he is universally known, captained West Germany to World Cup victory in 1974, won a record 103 caps for his country and was twice European Footballer of the Year.

The Order of Merit is one of the highest honours given by the state and is rarely awarded to sportsmen.

#### Ramirez beats Acuna in tennis

CARACAS (R) - Second-seeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico defeated Ricardo Acuna of Chile 6-1, 6-4 Thursday night to reach the quarter-finals of the Caracas Grand Prix tennis tournament.

David Dawley of the U.S. beat fifth-seeded Victor Pecci of Paraguay 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 and another American Francisco Gonzalez defeated sixth-seeded Jaime Fillol of Chile 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

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## MCC secretary rejects calls for South African cricket tour

LONDON (R) - MCC Secretary Jack Bailey Friday dismissed calls for an MCC cricket tour of South

Africa. "There is absolutely no possibility of the committee recommending such a tour." Bailey told reporters, referring to a demand by a group of over 50 MCC members for normal cricket relations

with South Africa to be resumed. Conservative M.P. Mark Carlisle, the group's leader, put forward the proposal Thursday and MCC agreed to discuss the issue fully at a meeting at Lord's on Feb.

"We are confident the majority of MCC members would vote for a tour of South Africa, reflecting public opinion," Carlisle said. A ballot of the club's 18,000, members may be held if the committee rejects the proposal.

MCC. once cricket's governing body, is now a private club, though it will play a key role in organising the international cricket conference to be held here later this

"The members who were at Thursday's meeting were firmly of the opinion that the move suggested by Mr. Carlisle and his group would be against the best interest of the club. English cricket and world cricket." Bailey said.

Despite MCC's reduced status it is still seen abroad as part of the English cricket establishment and any MCC tour of South Africa

would be certain to cause anger in the international anti-apartheid

South Africa have been banned from official international cricket for the past 13 years because of their policy of racial segregation.

An MCC visit to the republic could also affect England's standing in the Commonwealth games following a move last September to give teeth to the 1977 Gleneagles declaration discouraging sports links with South

The Commonwealth games federation ruled that any country retaining such links could be suspended from participating in future Commonwealth games.

for the Indians. They set out

shortly for a tour of the West

Indies where they will play five

tests, the first starting in Kingston,

Jamaica, in less than three weeks.

tri opened India's second innings with a stand of 43 which ended

when Shastri was caught at the

came at 150, Imran clean bowling

Gavaskar for 67. The wicker gave

Imran a record tally of 40 for the

But Imran, and seven other

bowlers, were unable to dislodge

Amarnath, who struck 12 fours

Pakistan's only other success

wicket off Imran for 17.

during the day.

Sunil Gavaskar and Ravi Shas-

### Amarnath hits 3rd century of the series

KARACHI (R) --- Pakistan and India drew the troubled sixth and final cricket test here Friday with Indian batsman Mohinder Amarnath providing the only highlight of the last day's play by scoring his third hundred of the series.

Pakistan, who won the series 3-0, declared at their overnight score of 420 for six, a first innings lead of 27, and at the close India were 224 for two in their second innings with Amamath 103 not

The match was marred by Thursday's crowd disturbance which caused play to be abandoned in mid-afternoon. It was an unfortunate repetition of similar incidents during Australia's visit

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Amamath's fine innings was an ironical climax to a series which was otherwise dominated by a string of outstanding Pakistani performances, notably from batsmen Mudassar Nazar, who scored four hundreds including three in a row, Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad and fast bowler Imran Khan.

India's batting was quite unable to match the consistency of Pakistan's and their bowling was once again far too reliant on the everwilling Kapil Dev. With no one to support Kapil, the Indian attack struggled in vain to keep Pakistan's batsmen on a tight rein.

Further hard labour lies ahead

French citizens in Jordan welcome former President Valery Giscard D'Estaing, and

ROME (R) — Italian soccer

The Turin Club have options on two first division 'keepers, Stefano Tacconi. 25, of Avellino, and Fabio Brini, also 25, of Ascoli, according to the Gazzetta Dello

23-year-old international Giovanni Galli Fiorenatina. A Juventus spokesman said

made any decision about his future. "Dino's in great shape, he could play for another two or three years," he said. The paper also reported that

Udinese, who have drawn 13 of their 18 first division league games this season, will sign Brazilian international Joao Batsta da Sliva from Porto Alegre.
The arrival of Batista could

mean the departure of his compatriot Edinho or Jugoslav Ivica Surjak, since league rules allow a maximum of two foreign players in a team.

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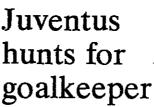
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## Juventus hunts for

champions Juventus is in the market for a goalkeeper to replace Italy's World Cup captain Dino Zoff, who will be 41 later this month, an Italian sports daily said

They also have their eves on

neither Zoff nor the club had



ing 15 and conceding two goals. Despite this they remain second in the league. 10 points adrift of

United manager Ron Atkinson at left back. 2 non-stop champs to fight Sunday SAINT VINCENT, Italy (R) — ring against the American.
Ray "boom boom" Mancini, the "I haven't been stopped and he

World Boxing Association hasn't been stopped, and by his pulling no punches about his nontitle fight on Sunday against British lightweight title holder George Feeney.

"This definitely is the most important fight of my life right now," Mancini, 21, said Friday at this mountain gambling resort.

"I'm ready to go in there." Mancini's last fight in November led to the death of his South Korean opponent Duk Koo Kim from massive brain damage. but he is not dwelling in the past.

"I wouldn't attempt to get in the ring if I wasn't psychologically intact. Everything is behind me. I can only look ahead and it all looks bright in the future."

British opponent Feeney, an unemployed father of four from Hartlepool, is keen to go into the

(WBA) lightweight champion, is record he's got a good chin, so the

Ramtha tries to defend a goal from Asia Armat (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Manchester United finds it

LONDON (R) — Manchester named an unchanged team Friday

hard to block Liverpool's lead

after Gary Bailey and Arthur

Albiston reported they had reco-

vered from heavy colds. Ray Wil-

kins, England's captain during the World Cup finals, is among those

battling to get back into the United first team.

Manchester City, who lost man-

ager John Bond Thursday and

have captain Paul Power out with

an ankle injury, recall Bobby

McDonald for their home match

McDonald has missed City's

last five games, two of them

through suspension and the others

because of the good form of power

against Tottenham Hotspurs.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Romanian first division

team Asia Armat beat the Ramtha Club team in the

soccer match at the Amman international stadium

United, unable to cut into Liver-

pool's lead despite an impressive

run of results, will be unchanged

for the eighth successive time

when they face Ipswich in the English Soccer League Saturday. The memory of the Munich air

crash in which eight United players perished 25 years ago will hang

It could, of course, prove an

inspiration to the present United

team who have won six and drawn

one of their last seven games, scor-

heavily over the occasion.

Asia Armat beats Ramtha Club

fight could go the distance," said Feeney, 26,next week. The Briton arrived here on Thursday night after a 13-hour journey from Hartlepool and said

the chilly north Italian weather was just to his liking as it reminded

him of home. The 10-round bout is scheduled

(\$150,000) while Feeney is guaranteed £15,000 (\$24,000).

on Friday, 2-1. Last Wednesday, they beat the Jaz-

ira Club team, 6-0, while the Jordanian national

Luton Town, with the worst

defensive record in the first divi-

sion, plan an attacking game

against free-scoring Liverpool.

"We'll try to attack them because we know it's no good try-

ing to beat them with a defensive

approach," said Luton manager

Luton are the second highest

scorers in the first division, behind

Liverpool, and will have leading

marksman Brian Stein in their

He made his comeback in the

F.A. Cup against Manchester

United last week, played in the

reserves in mid-week and was con-

for 22:30 local time (21:30 GMT)

and will be televised live to the

cini, a distant relative of the

American's family, has put his

fighter on a diet of steak to build

up his strength for the Sunday

The American will take home a

purse of at least £100.000

Feeney's manager Denis Man-

firmed as fully fit.

United States.

David Peat.

attack.

team beat Asia Armat, 24),

#### Wallace wins flyweight boxing title

LONDON (R) - Britain's Keith Wallace won the Commonwealth flyweight boxing title in only his ninth professional fight here Thurs-Referee Mike Jacobs stopped the bout early in the ninth round as

defending champion Steve Muchoki of Kenya tried desperately to defend himself from a barrage of blows while trapped on the ropes. The fight swung dramatically in the challenger's favour after being balanced on a knife edge at the halfway stage of the scheduled 15 rounds.

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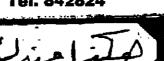
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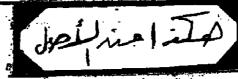
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# ECONOMY

## **OAPEC** warns against over-production

KUWAIT (OPECNA) — The provided an opportunity to con-Exporting Countries (OAPEC) on a single source of revenue. has warned OPEC states that concreate a situation not unlike the one in the 1960s when an oil glut wiped out the earnings of pro-ducing countries, while greatly benefiting the importers.

An editorial in the current issue of the OAPEC monthly bulletin acrees with forecasts that the present glut will continue into 1984. It notes that oil revenues of

some OPEC countries have been reduced by as much as 40 per cent and leading to chaos in development programmes and public

However, OAPEC maintains that there is a "sunnier side" to the

Thursday, dealers said.

discovery in Texas.

quietly mixed.

One sterling

One U.S. dollar

One ounce of gold

Organisation of Arab Petroleum: serve oil and reduce dependency

The editorial calls upon Arab tinued over production could well oil producers to work out policies. aimed at compensating for the decline in oil revenues by developing industry and agriculture.

It recommends joint Arab ventures, enhanced mutual trade, better coordination, increases in the local price of oil products and cut-backs in consumption.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's oil

revenues no longer cover its economic development programmes, a leading Saudi official said Thursday.

The kingdom'soil production is

now running at between 5 and 5.2 million barrels per day, little more than half the peak reached some present situation insofar as it has two years ago, according to the

LONDON (R) - Light profit-taking lowered equities while gov-

ernment bonds fell more than a half point, reflecting the weakness

of sterling and the poor response for the 30-year U.S. note auction

ICI. Hawker and Boots each fell 6p among leaders, and the F.T. index at 1500 Friday was down 2.8 at 644.0. Lloyds fell 11p in

lower banks, where Natwest lost 10p. Premier Cons Oil moved

against the general trend, adding 6p to 32 following news of a gas

Gold shares were irregular and North American stocks traded

Australians extended Thursday's losses, still reacting to the

Valor rose to 112 from 93 following the exclusive five-year

agreement to supply gas heaters to a subsidiary of Amca of the

**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES** 

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at middly on

U.S. dollars

Canadian dollars

Dutch guilders

Swiss francs

Belgian francs

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the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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March general election news. Market leader BHP was 14p off at 420. Turner and Newall gained 2p to 32 in response to a new

finance agreement with company bankers.

governor of the Saudi Arabian culations for development prog-Monetary Agency (SAMA), Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Quraishi.

Answering questions at a European management symposium, he said output needed to be 6 million barrels per day at a benchmark price of \$34 per barrel if oil revenues were to cover the cost of development projects.

However, the programmes would continue, since Saudi Arabia could use investment earnings to fill the gap caused by falling oil revenues, Mr. Al Quraishi said.

Saudi Arabia, the largest oil producer of OPEC, has cut back its output over the past two years as world demand for oil declined. Mr. Al Quraishi declined to speculate on a possible cut in the

ramme financing were based on the assumption it would remained unchanged.

On the other hand, a modest fall in the price of oil is more likely in present circumstances than a price collapse, the executive director of the International Energy
Agency, Dr. Ulf Lantzke, said Thursday.

He told a business seminar in .Wolfsberg that a collapse in oil prices was not in the interest of major oil producers.

Dr. Lantzke said the current oil price was probably too high. Any modest reduction should be accompanied by some assurance that prices would only rise in line with inflation over a substantial \$34 marker price, but said his cal-period.

### NEWS IN BILEF

#### Egypt cuts oil prices

CAIRO (R) - Egypt lowered its oil prices by up to 52 a barrel Friday in response to general downward pressure caused by disarray among the world's major producers. Officials of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) said the price of Egypt's key Suez blend would be reduced to \$29 with effect from Feb. 1. The price of two lower grades was cut by a \$1 a barrel, Belayim crude falling to \$27 and Ras Ghareb grade to \$26. It was the third month in a row that EGPC has cut prices.

#### Citroen to suspend workers

PARIS (R) — Citroen management said Friday it would suspend 30 people involved in a fight at the company's Aulnay factory outside Paris on Wednesday. Production resumed at the factory Friday after workers stepped off the assembly line Thursday to demand better security following the clash, in which 17 people were injured, several seriously. The Citroen spokesman said management would hold negotiations Friday with all the unions represented at the company on demands for better pay and working conditions. A month of strikes at Citroen and Renault have lost the French car industry production of almost 50,000 vehicles

#### U.S. trade deficit widens

WASHINGTON (R) - The U.S. deficit in merchandise trade widened to a record \$36.1 billion last year despite a drop in oil imports, the government said Thursday. Last year's deficit topped the previous high of \$33.76 billion recorded for 1978. A drop of \$16.5 billion in 1982 oil imports failed to offset a deeper fall in U.S. exports, which slipped by \$25 billion last year as the world economic recession eroded the ability of many overseas customers to buy American products.

#### Gulf Oil pressures U.K.

LONDON (R) - Gulf Oil Corporation Thursday stepped up pressure on Britain to cut its oil price by turning down a cargo from the North Sea, industry sources said. A Gulf spokesman declined to comment but said the company was still talking to Britain's state trading company, the British National Oil Corporation, to obtain a cut in price.

#### Pan Am announces \$485 n loss

NEW YORK (R) - Pan American Airways has announced sharply increased losses of nearly \$500 million for 1982, but despite the company's financial problems its share price has gained strongly in recent days as investors scent better times ahead. The company, which threatened earlier this year to cease operations unless unions granted concessions on wages and working practices, said Thursday it lost \$485.3 million last year compared with \$18.9 million in 1981. The losses reflected the lower number of passengers carried due to the international recession and the company's revenues fell to \$3.72 billion from \$3.80

#### Indonesia will not revise budget

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia will not revise its new state budget, which is supported mainly by revenues from oil and gas exports. despite failure of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to agree on production quotas and prices, finance minister Dr. Ali Wardhana said Thursday.

#### ASEAN agrees to strengthen ties

KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed Friday on the need to strengthen cooperation in political and economic fields, particularly in the area of commodities, a senior delegate to the ASEAN Task Force (ATF) said.

#### **LONDON STOCK MARKET** U.N. com nission

VIENNA (OPECNA) - The United Nations Commission for Social Development will meet here from Feb. 7 to 16 to discuss global unemployment, the economic and social problems faced by

The commission will also review the implementation of recommendations adopted at the 1982 world assembly on ageing and the

1981 declaration on the rights of disabled persons. According to a U.N. statement Thursday, the meeting will be held

impact on people from developing countries has been particularly severe.

less for their exports." said the statement.

Developing countries were servicing and increasingly high and expensive debt while suffering the gradual erosion of their reserves. The statement pointed out that in Third World countries, some 800 million people lived in "absolute poverty" which, according to the World Bank, meant an annual percapita income of less than \$50

"The depth and scope of poverty are vivid reminders of one of the

Japan, 45.7 per cent in the United States and 42.2 per cent of those without work in the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile Britain's unemployment rate, one of the worst in the major industrial countries, his a record 13.8 per cent in January, according to government figures released Thursday.

Department of Employment said. Norwegian crowns

in the final run-up to the country's general election on March 6.

previous record was 2.28 million in February, 1951. In Washington, in the latest sign that the U.S. recession may be ending, the government said Thursday fewer Americans filed new

The dip could mean that the U.S. unemployment rate will edge down in the months ahead from its current post-war record of 10.8

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 5, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until midafternoon there

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Attending to routine chores

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Your hunches are not

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make plans to have more

early in the day will give you more time to be with con-

good early in the day but later they are most helpful. Join

income in the days ahead. Take time to improve your ap-

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Handle any civic duties

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look over your surroun-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan how to complete

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You could easily

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may find it hard

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get an early start on

that work you have to do instead of complaining and you

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Others around you may

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ficiency. Study statements for possible errors.

up for lost time. Strive for increased happiness.

dings and make plans for improvement. Be sure to control

ahead of you early in the day and later you can enjoy the

plan how to have added abundance in the future. A wiser

attitude toward loved one brings excellent results. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study the amount of effort needed to gain an important goal. Show that you will go to

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about the present. Be more optimistic.

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social side of life. Be active and happy.

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get fine benefits from it. Be logical.

fluence you. Maintain a cheerful manner.

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#### THE Daily Crossword by Sophie Fierman 59 Daniel or ACROSS

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# considers unemploy nent

migrant workers, crime and justice.

against a background of growing social and economic problems. Most affected by the world economic recession are migrant workers and their families, young people, the disabled and the aged. The

"Employment conditions have worsened significantly in the developed market economies. In some socialist countries, per capita income and standards of living have declined. Many developing countries are paying more for their essential imports and receiving

most critical unmet needs-that of enabling families to have even the minimum requirements for survival." The commission, according to the statement, would be faced with

some hard facts and statistics-about 30 million unemployed in the industrialised countries and the "grim prospect" that there will be 1.6 billion people with an annual per capita income of \$300 or less by the year 2000 as against \$1.16 billion in 1980.

The statement added that in 1980, young people constituted 62.4 per cent of the unemployed in Italy, 21.9 per cent of the jobless in

Almost 128,000 Britons joined the job queues in January taking the total out of work to 3,224,715, or one worker in seven, the

In West Germany, unemployment surged to a post-war record of 2.49 million in January and seems certain to be the dominating issue The mid-January figure, representing 10.2 per cent of the work-force against a mid-December rate of 9.1 per cent, or 2.22 million

people, was announced Thursday by the Federal Labour Office. The claims for jobless benefits in the week ending Jan. 22 than in more

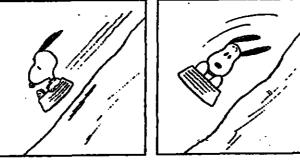
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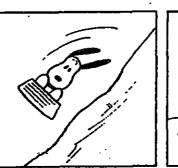
"Sure, it's easy for him to be jolly. He's not out going broke like the rest of us!"

#### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee four ordinary words. PIDEB ALLAM VODURE WHAT THE PIG BECAME AFTER SATAN GOT HOLD OF HIM. HEABED

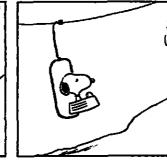
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

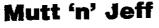
(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: POKED YODEL BEGONE CONVOY "What have you got in the fishing basket?"—"A GOOD EEL"











Peanuts



#### **Andy Capp**









## WORLD.

# Shultz discusses opening military relationships between China, U.S.

PEKING (R) - The United States and China Friday moved towards establishment of military ties an American Secretary of State George

Shultz continued his visit to Peking.
In an hour-long meeting, Mr. Shultz and Defence Minister Zhang Aiping discussed visits between the two countries by military officials and contacts between military attaches in Peking and Washington, a State Department official said.

Officials of the two countries are meeting to discuss the details. Mr. Shultz and Mr. Zhang did not discuss U.S. arms sales to China, the official said.

The United States cleared the way for consideration of arms sales a year ago and a Chinese military delegation was to have visited the United States to discuss possible purchases.

But as relations between Washington and Peking cooled last year over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan the delegation failed to materialise. The U.S. official gave no details of the kinds of visits by military officials contemplated at Friday's meeting, but there was speculation that the outcome might be a trip to Peking by Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

The last visit by a U.S. defence secretary was that of Harold Brown in mid-1980.

Following his talks with the defence minister, Mr. Shuliz met Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang who told reporters earlier that he had accepted an invitation from President Reagan to visit the United States but that no date had been fixed.

Contenders for U.S.' top

job come into the open

WASHINGTON (R) - The con-

test to become next president of

the United States has moved out

of shadow boxing and into an open

fight with Democratic Sen. Alan

Cranston's decision to toss the

California, became the first offi-

cial major party candidate by for-

mally declaring that he would seek

the Democratic nomination as a

crusader for peace and a nuclear

In so doing, he raised the cur-

tain on an 18-month, multi-

Like former Vice-President

Walter Mondale and other rivals,

Mr. Cranston actually decided to

run long ago and simply fixed a

date and place for saying so with

He chose the same Senate

chamber used by his old allies

John and Robert Kennedy to

launch their presidential cam-

paigns. Then he flew to New

Hampshire, site of the first prim-

BY CHARLES GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q .- What are the differen-

ces between "cue-bids" and

"splinter bids"? During the

auction when we are probing

for slam I sometimes get con-

fused about which is which.

Please explain the two terms

with some example

hands. - D.R. Kale, Katy,

(This question has been

awarded the weekly prize.

A .- You are confusing

chickens and eggs, and not

necessarily chicken eggs.

They are two completely dif-

Let's start with splinter

bids. They are the easiest to

explain. A splinter bid is an

unusual jump in a suit. It

agrees the previous bid by

your partner as the trump

suit, shows the equivalent of

a forcing raise in his suit and

a singleton in the suit bid.

Suppose that partner opens

the bidding with one heart.

You would make a splinter

bid of four diamonds (three

diamonds would be a natural.

**♦**Axxx ♥KJxx ♦x **♦**AJxx

bidding with one diamond

and partner responded one

heart. Make a splinter bid of

**♦**x ♥AQxx ♦AKJxx **♣**KJx

Note that, in each case, the

splinter bid guarantees at

least good four-card support

If partner holds as little as

three or more cards in either

major, you can almost surely

three spades with:

for partner's suit.

Or suppose you opened the

strong jump shift) with:

Texas

ferent things.

And, in a dramatic stroke, he

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

ary election in March 1984.

weapons freeze.

crats will soon imitate.

maximum fanfare.

The State Department official briefing reporters said China and the United States would continue discussing a possible date for the visit through diplomatic channels.

He described the two hours of talks between the two men as candid, friendly and fruitful.

Mr. Zhao, asked by reporters to name the greatest obstacle to U.S.-China relations, cited the Taiwan question. He said that although the U.S. unilateral imposition last month of quotas on imports of Chinese textiles was detrimental to trade between the two countries, it was not the main topic of talks with Mr. Shultz.

The quotas were imposed after talks on a bilateral textile agreement ended in failure. He said China wanted long, stable and lasting relations with the

United States. In response to other questions, the prime minister said that based on past experience China did not have high expectations for the arms control negotiations on medium-range missiles between the United

But in a reference to Soviet SS-20' missiles pointed towards China that the United States wants eliminated, he said he hoped the negotiations would not be detrimental to third parties.

Mr. Zhao said also that he had accepted an invitation from President Reagan to visit the United States. But he said no date had yet

## Reagan's nominee for arms control criticised

He said the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms race was insane and the great goal of a Cranston presidency must be to end the threat of nuclear war. With variations to suit their own

first hat into the ring. Mr. Cranston, 68, a liberal from styles, at least four other Democrats are expected to follow Mr. Cranston's declaration in the next three weeks -- Arizona representative Morris Udall on Feb. 9, Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado on Feb. 17, Mr. Mondale on Feb. 21 and former Florida Governor Reubin Askew on Feb. 23.

million dollar nomination race Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, the and set the standard for a former astronaut, and others are coming-out ritual many Demodue to follow suit later.

Except for Mr. Udall and one or two others who may bow out, all have been acting like hardrunning candidates for months.

Money will flow, the South is being targeted as a major Democratic nomination battleground, and the name Kennedy will figure prominently in the contest.

Officials in the Mondale, Glenn, Hart and Cranston campaigns estimate their candidates will raise and spend between \$25 and 27 million from now until the stepped forth as the first pres- Democratic nominating conidential "peace candidate" since vention in July 1984.

make game, but you want the

opportunity to show both of

your suits without fear that

partner will drop the auction.

Start with a cue-bid of two

diamonds. Note that you

must have first- or second-

round control of the enemy

A similar case occurs

where partner has made a

takeout double and you want

to get to game in one of two

or more suits, but you don't

know which. For example,

suppose that your left-hand

opponent opens one diamond,

partner doubles and the next

♦KJxx ♡AQxx ◊xx ♦Kxx

four hearts or four spades,

but partner's takeout double

doesn't necessarily guaran-

tee four cards in both majors.

So you start with a two dia-

mond cue-bid, and partner

will bid his major suit. This

bid is simply forcing to game.

and promises nothing in the

Last, and probably most

important, are cue-bids to

check on controls for slam

purposes. These are usually

easy to distinguish, because

control cue-bids start after a

trump suit has been estab-

lished. Each partner cue-bids

his controls - showing first-

round controls initially and,

thereafter, second-round con-

enemy suit.

You want to play either

hand passes. You hold:

suit for this action.

by Democrat senators

WASHINGTON (R) - President Island, said he was concerned that Reagan's nominee to head the U.S. Arms Control Agency, Kenneth Adelman, has come under fresh attack from Democrats who said they feared he was too weak to stand up to hardliners in the administration.

States and the Soviet Union.

Sen. Joseph Biden, a Delaware Mr. Reagan was committed to arms control, so it was important for the administration to contain someone willing to advocate it forcefully.

The senator was speaking during the second day of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the nomination of Mr. Adelman to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (AC-

Mr. Reagan chose him last month after sacking Eugene: Rostow, whom hardliners accused of being too flexible with Moscow. Mr. Biden said: "I for one don't believe he (President Reagan) is committed to arms control, so somebody in the administration has to be an advocate, really

Another Democrat, Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, said he would vote against the nomi-

knocking on the president's

On the first day of hearings last week, Mr. Tsongas warned Mr. Adelman, 36, that "the hardliners will chew you up."

The committee's senior Democrat, Claiborne Pell of Rhode control, I'm just too troubled."

keting costs due to Pentagon mis-

calculations are impeding Pres-

ident Reagan's arms build-up and

may lead to some weapons

development programmes being

cancelled, according to a Defence

The internal report by a branch

of the air force was given to Reuters by the Project on Military Pro-

curement, a private group lob-

Department report.

Skyrocketing costs may force

U.S. to cancel some weapons

WASHINGTON (R) - Roc- weapons had reflected "unbridled

optimism."

F-16 jet fighters.

Mr. Adelman lacked the stature necessary to stand up to the Pen-

Committee sources said that after Mr. Adelman's first appearance last week six of the committee's eight Democrats and three of its nine Republicans indi-Democrat, said he did not believe cated they had reservations about voting to confirm him. No date has been set for a vote. Democrats and Republicans

criticised Mr. Adelman last week for saying he had not thought about such issues as 'whether nuclear war could be limited. Thursday he told the senators

the risk of a limited nuclear war escalating into full-scale war would be dangerously high. On another question about

which he was vague last week, he said neither Moscow nor Washington could win a nuclear

In one of the sharpest exchanges, Mr. Tsongas asked Mr. Adelman if he had told the truth last week. "Who is the real Ken Adelman? This week's or last week's?" the Senator asked.

Mr. Adelman replied that he had misread some of the questions and had meant only that he had no thoughts on detailed, complex studies of the issues.

It said some air force prog-

rammes might have to be can-

celled. At the top of the list would

be ground-launched Cruise nuc-

lear missiles, the Maverick

precision-guided anti-tank missile

and the production of F-15 and

But the MX nuclear missile,

estimated to cost at least \$30 bil-

ern weapons. Measured in 1981

dollars, the B-1 nuclear bomber,

still in the testing phase, cost an estimated \$285 billion, over 10 times as much a B-52.

Sen. Tsongas told Mr. Adelman he considered him brilliant and said: "I would vote for you for almost any position. But on arms here on Monday.

joprajitno.

International scrutiny of "disappearances' was on the rise and

Brazilian

reports it had received on abduc-

Africa, Brazil, Chile, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco Peru, Syria and Zaire.

In a special section on South Africa, the report said a series of ment act of 1980 in effect legalised political abductions there and ensured that relatives could not obtain information about the vic-

#### laws capped by the police amend-

### U.S. sergeant hit in El Salvador recovers

SAN SALVADOR (R) - An said. army sergeant who became the first U.S. military casualty in El Salvador's three-year-old civil war was reported in stable con-

A U.S. embassy spokesman said Special Forces Sergeant J.T. Stanley was hit in the left thigh on Wednesday when guerrillas shot at his helicopter from a road block on the pan-American high-

The spokesman said Sergeant Stanley was expected to recover within two weeks.

El Salvador, has been on his way

The helicopter was nicked by bullets but landed safely for

SAL SALVADOR - Leftist

on Monday night following two days of fierce fighting in which some 60 people were killed. The radio said most of the

20,000 residents still in Berlin. 124 kilometres from the capital in coffee-growing Usulutan pro-

Thursday night about 2,000 troops were poised to attack the rebel-held city, but Defence

told Reuters he wanted to avoid civilian casualties, especially amid reports that the guerrillas were

city earlier this week. Refugees quoted guerrillas as saying they had only seized it to prove they Radio Venceremos said guer-

Meanwhile, the military

## opposition parties.

authorities in Kabul may soon release a French doctor arrested in Afghanistan, one of his colleagues said. Last week Kabul Radio and an official Afghan newspaper reported the arrest of Dr. Philippe Augoyard, a member of the Paris-based medical charity Aide Medicale Internationale (AMI). who they said had been with and government guerrillas. The charity said he had been working with tribesmen in the southeast pro-

## Filipino rebels kill

rebels disguised in soldiers uniforms Friday raided a gov-Philippines and stabbed two militiamen to death, military municipal building in Candoni

# Thais return Vietnamese

BANGKOK (R) — Thai and Vietnamese troops fought an artillery battle across the Kampuchean border Friday on the fifth day of a Vietnamese operation against guerrilla forces along the frontier.

Thai and Kampuchean sources reported shellings and scattered skirmishes on a six kilometre stretch of frontier opposite Kampuchea's Battambang province, about 280 kilometres east of

Thai sources said several Viemamese shells landed on their side of the border and the Thai army returned the fire. There were no reports of casualties. The Vietnamese, in their

biggest dry-season operation so far this year, are trying to dislodge about 3,000 armed followers loyal to Kampuchean coalition government Premier Son Sann.

Thai military and insurgent sources said about 80 guerrillas of

PARAMARIBO, Surinam (R) —

an investigation into the death of

the country's deputy army com-

mander in prison showed he had

The official Surinam News

Agency (SNA) quoted police

chief M.P. Monsel as saying that

the inquiry showed Major Roy

Horb had killed himself on Wed-

nesday with a noose made from

the cord of his shorts and attached

landia military police prison, in

the centre of the capital, awaiting

a court martial on charges of mas-

terminding an attempt to over-

throw Surinam's army strongman,

The major was one of 21 people

Lt.-Col. Daysi Bourterse.

Maj. Horb, 30, was in Fort Zeel-

to a nail in the wall of his cell.

hanged himself.

Surinam's military authorities said

Surinam alleges coup

plotter hanged himself

Mr. Son Sann's Kampuchean People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) slipped into Thailand briefly to escape the Vie-

They said that, after opposing forces on the frontier launched an artillery and rocket attack, the group crossed a water-filled antitank ditch built by Thailand just inside the border to slow down a possible Vietnamese invasion.

Relief workers were concerned that stray shells might land among an estimated 30,000 Kampuchean refugees encamped beside the ditch. They have urged Thai authorities, so far unsuccessfully, to move the refugees away from the border.

The refugees had fled from a KPNLF-controlled camp at Nong Chan, inside Kampuchea, which the Vietnamese attacked on Monday to try to dislodge the

arrested on Sunday and accused of

planning the coup. It was sixth reported attempt to topple the lef-

tist military government of this

former Dutch colony since the

army seized power in Feb. 1980.

Parliament and Surinamese exiles

expressed doubts about the way

Maj. Horb died. The Dutch fore-

ign ministry said that in view of the

way people were taken into cus-

tody in Surinam, it would be dif-

ficult for everybody to accept the

Reuters that confessions were

being obtained from some of those

rounded up on Sunday, including

acting government ministers Jan

Sarinam and John Hard-

An official source here told

ofifical version of the death.

In the Netherlands, Members of

#### shelling along border **elections** shape up CANBERRA (R) — Australia's

general election was shaping up Friday as a battle over trade union power within 24 hours of the annoucement of a snap poll on March 5.

Australian

Newspaper hoardings read like-the billing for a prizefight -Fraser versus Hawke -- and campaigning will be as dramatic. Conservative Prime Minister

Malcolm Fraser announced the election Thursday, accusing unions of planning strikes against his calls for a freeze on pay rises. He is being challenged by Bob Hawke, a popular former trade

union leader who will lead the Labour opposition after the formality of being elected head of the party next Tuesday. Mr. Hawke made the first

move, offering to meet Mr. Fraser in public debate.

His party needs a nationwide swing of only 1.4 per cent to capture the 11 seats it needs to replace Mr. Fraser's liberalnational party coalition which has been in power since 1975.

#### Bermuda polls won by black premier

HAMILTON, Bermuda (R) -Prime Minister John Swan's United Bermuda Party (UBP) won a decisive victory in Thursday's general election in this Atlantic island, increasing its majority in the house of assembly from four to 12 seats. The millionaire black prime

minister's decision to go to the country three years early paid him rich dividends, with his mainly white party winning back four seats from the predominantly black opposition Progressive Labour Party (PLP).

#### **U.N. concern about kidnaps stays high** Guatemala on 1.050 of the 1.334

GENEVA (R) — Documented kidnappings of political oppo-nents declined slightly last year, but the problem remained "a par-United Nations report said.

A U.N. panel on such kid- lem. nappings, known as "dissince the vic vanish without a trace, said it had evidence of 1,733 new cases, a drop from 1,950 in 1981, and had asked the states concerned to

answer the charges. Another 507 cases were not sufficiently documented for action, it added in the report to the sixweek U.N. human rights com-

mission meeting which opened

governments were cooperating ticularly odious and cruel form of more with the three-year old violation of human rights", a panel, it added, but the group had no complete picture of the prob-From Argentina, where a

group last month listed 7.791 disappearances since the 1976 military coup, the panel said it had received 1,780 reports of political abductions, 1,377 of which it questioned Buenos Aires about. The panel also had reports of

1,485 cases in El Salvador and asked for an urgent response on 1,232 of them while it queried

tions there. Other countries where dis-

appearances were reported were Bolivia, Cyprus, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, Uruguay, South

The sergeant, one of an esti-mated 37 U.S. military trainers in capital and Usulutan province.

Sergeant Stanley to receive med-ical treatment, the spokesman

to repair a radio tower which had toppled and cut links between the

Rebels hold Berlin

guerrillas were retreating voluntarily from El Salvador's eastern city of Berlin, the largest to fall under rebel control in three years of civil war, the insurgents' Radio Venceremos said Thursday night. Guerrilla forces overran the city

rebels had now pulled out, to avoid bloodshed among the

Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia given.

prepared to retreat. Government sources said around 10,000 people had fled the

could strike anytime, anywhere. rillas had killed several policemen in minor clashes along a highway as they pulled out of Berlin. City residents said the rebels

had requisitioned about 40 pickup vans in the past 48 hours in preparation for their retreat north-

authorities reported an estimated 2,000 mercenary soldiers, possibly from Nicaragua, had landed near the Pacific port of Puerto Parada. No furtier details were

## British arms dealer reveals extent of Smalley's covert operations

DALLAS, Texas (R) - A Brirish arms dealer once said he knew of "weapons grade" plutonium for sale by former Portuguese mercenaries, a court witness said here.

The witness, Gary Howard, was giving evidence against Ian Smalley, who is on trial for illegally conspiring to export weapons illegally from the United States to both sides in the Gulf War. Mr. Howard, an arms dealer

who became an informant for the U.S. government, also alleged that Mr. Smalley mentioned deals in aircraft and arms for South Africa and Libya. Mr. Smalley, 42, is charged with conspiring to sell 100 tanks to Iran

and 8,300 anti-tank missiles to Iraq, which have been at war for more than two years. Mr. Smalley's flamboyant Texas lawyer, Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, has said Mr. Smalley thought he was taking part in covert but legitimate deals

when he met Mr. Howard and

Ronald Tucker, another arms

dealer acting as a government informant. He believed the two men were U.S. agents.

Mr. Howard told the federal court that on one occasion Mr. Smalley told him he knew of "the availability of weapons grade

Portuguese mercenaries who had

set "a price tag of \$70 million to

90 million. He asked if I knew anyone who was interested, "Mr. Howard testified. Mr. Smalley. a chubby, heavy-jowled man with greying hair and steel-rimmed spectacles, sat quietly as the bearded Mr. How-

toms service. Mr. Howard testified that among the deals mentioned by Mr. Smalley during their association were:

ard instructions from the U.S. cus-

States, and purchase of 27 "silenced weapons" for Libya. -- Shipment of C-130s to South

Africa, via Israel.

-Shipment of arms to Peru and Ecuador, and recruitment of experts to train Peruvian soldiers. in guerrilla warfare.

"had the blessing of the U.S. government." He charged that Mr. Howard portrayed the Libyan C-130 deal

Mr. Howard told the court he chase 1,000 light machine-guns from Fabfrique Nationale for

could supply them." Mr. Smalley produced "end user certificates" showing the weapons were destined for Botswana but Mr. Howard doubted whether they were

Botswana and wanted to know if I

At a subsequent meeting, Mr. Howard added, Mr. Smalley told him he was buying weapons for a firm which the American described as "backed by the South African government for the procurement of weapons."

Mr. Howard said Mr. Smalley machine-guns and mortars.

ard, Mr. Smalley asked him if he had contacts in the electronics industry because South Africa wanted to buy three C-130s to be converted into "flying command posts" similar to AWACS (Airbome Warning and Controls Sys-

there were C-130s available in via Israel.

Libya also figured prominently in these deals, according to Mr. Howard's testimony. He said that in early 1981 Mr. Smalley told him he had a "customer who wanted to procure 27 silenced weapons. They were to be delivered to the Libyan embassy in Washington, D.C."

In May 1981, Mr. Howard said,

Mr. Smalley asked him "to put together a feasibility study to get C-130 aircraft purchased by Libya out of the United States." The aircraft were being held at

Marietta, in Georgia, and Mr. Howard quoted Mr. Smalley as saying Libya was prepared to pay \$1 million for the delivery of each

Mr. Howard said Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was to play a role in this by publicly relin-Australia. They could be pur-chased through a company in favour of a third country while in Texas and flown to South Africa fact the planes would be diverted to Libya.

# BRIEF

**NEWS** 

ETA claims credit for Tuesday's attack

VITORIA, Spain (R) — The hardline military wing of the Basque separatist group ETA has taken responsibility for the machine gunning of three civil guards in the Basque country on Tuesday, Basque newspapers said Friday. One Civil Guard was killed and two others were seriously injured in Ordizia on Tuesday night when guerrillas made a machine-gun and grenade attack on their vehicle. In communiques distributed to Basque newspapers, the military wing of ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) also claimed responsibility for the bombing on Tuesday night of a submarine cable station on the Basque coast linking Spain and

#### Ex-Izvestia editor returns to power

MOSCOW (R) - The editor of the Soviet government daily Izvestia, Pyotr Alexeyev, has been replaced by Lev Tolkunov, the man he succeeded seven years ago, a spokesman for the newspaper said. He told Reuters that Mr. Alexeyev, 70, had retired this week and Mr. Tolkunov had moved across from the semiofficial news agency Novosti, where he had been in charge since 1976. The change followed a series of medium-level reshuffles since Soviet leader Yuri Andropov took power in November. Mr. Alexeyev was apparently in no form of disgrace as he was awarded the Order of Lenin on his 70th birthday last month. But some senior Soviet officials have been heard to complain that the newspaper had become dull under his editorship.

#### 3 clergymen killed by Angolan rebels

LISBON (R) — Angola's main rebel movement said it had killed three Roman Catholic priests, including a Swiss national, in an attack on a convoy escorted by Cuban and government troops. A communique released in Lisbon by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) said the organisation regretted the deaths of innocent people, but blamed the priests for travelling under military escort. UNITA said 11 Cuban and 41 Angolan soldiers had been killed when the guerrillas ambushed a convoy in the coastal province of

#### Sri Lankan leader sworn in again

Benguela on Jan. 19.

COLOMBO (R) — Amid pomp and pageantry. Sri Lanka's President Junius Yayewardene was Friday installed in power for another six years. A 21-gun salute boomed across Colombo, traditional drums were beaten and conch shells were sounded as 76-year-old Mr. Jayewardene was sworn in by Chief Justice Neville Samarakoon at the capital's waterfront Galle Face promenade. But the colourful ceremony was boycotted by three

#### Kabul to release French doctor soon

MULHOUSE, France (R) - The vince of Logar.

## 2 militiamen

BACOLOD, Philippines (R) About 100 suspected Communist ernment office in the central reports said. They said the raiders carried off seven automatic rifles, about 1,000 rounds of ammunition, five revolvers, office supplies and typewriters from the town south of this central city

#### trols, starting with the cheapest control. To illustrate: North South

1 4 3 4

4 4 4 7

bid second-round controls un-

til you have shown all your

first-round controls.

Cue-bids are a different matter. The first type is Since a trump suit has where you have a very been established, the bids for strong hand and want to four clubs and four hearts are make a takeout bid that is abcue-bids, showing first-round solutely forcing to game. For control (ace or void) in those instance, suppose your rightsuits. North's five club cuehand opponent opens one diabid shows second-round conmond and you hold: trol and denies the ace of ◆AKJxx ¬AKQxx ⋄x ◆Kx diamonds — you don't cue-

#### lion, was a high priority and bying against wasteful spending. should be among the last to be affected, along with the B-1 nuc-Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger is campaigning against further cuts. lear bomber. Analysing key weapons in Mr. The air force study documented a dramatic rise in the cost of mod-

Reagan's S1.600 billion, five-year military build-up, including the MX nuclear missile, the B-1 bomber, Cruise missiles and new jet fighters, the report said first estimates of the cost of new

U-235 plutonium for sale." It was in the hands of former

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Mr. Smalley's lawyer said Mr. Howard led the Briton to believe the deals they were discussing

as "a way of getting the planes to Libya without losing international political face." first met Mr. Smalley in London during the winter of 1979-80 and the Briton "said he wanted to pur-

told him he was the Britsh agent. for the firm and that South Africa was putting together a budget to purchase AK-47 assault rifles, Another time, said Mr. How-

tem). Mr. Howard said he was told